



It's Not About You!

Mark 16:14-16 NKJV

- Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.
- ¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
- ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Matt. 28:16-20 NKJV

- 16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.
- 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.
- 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matt. 28:16-20 NKJV

- 19 Go [a]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
- 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” [b]Amen.

Boot Camp/ Basic Training



Boot camp or basic training, is an intense, structured program designed to transform civilians into disciplined military personnel by breaking down old habits and instilling core values, physical fitness, and mental resilience. It **prepares recruits** for military life through rigorous training, fostering **obedience**, teamwork, and **readiness for service**.

Why does God want us to become disciples?

3 Take-aways from boot camp

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Take-Away #1

God wants to **PREPARE** you for a life of purpose and meaning **IF** you're willing to give up your own aspirations and allow God to use you

Take-Away #1

- About 146,000 – 150,000 people enlist in the military each year.
- 47% of recruits join the military because of a sense of patriotism or duty.



In other words, people are seeking purpose beyond themselves!

Abram (Abraham)- Genesis 12:1-5 (NKJV)

- **1** Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family and from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.
- **2** I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.
- **3** I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Abram (Abraham)- Genesis 12:1-5 (NKJV)

- 4 So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.
- 5 Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the [a]people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan

Noah- Genesis 6:13-14, 22 (NKJV)

- 13 And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.
- 14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make [9]rooms in the ark and cover it inside and outside with pitch.
- 22 Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Moses- Exodus 3 (NKJV)

- 11 But Moses said to God, “Who *am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”
- 13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What *is* His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

Moses- Exodus 4 (NKJV)

- 1 Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’ ”
- 10 Then Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I *am* slow of speech and [c]slow of tongue.”
- 13 But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send.”

Take-Away #2

God wants you to depend on Him instead of leaning on your own understanding or efforts.

OBEDIENCE to Him signifies your trust and faith in Him to know what's best for your life!

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

- **5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
- **6** In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall [a]direct your paths.

Psalms 121:1-2 (NKJV)

- ¹ I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
From whence comes my help?
- ² My help *comes* from the Lord, Who
made heaven and earth.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

- 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Take-Away #3

When you make life about you and not in **SERVICE** of others, you put lives at stake!

Take-Away #3

Soldiers sacrifice their lives to protect national security, freedom, and their comrades, often making the "ultimate sacrifice" in combat. These acts are driven by a sense of duty, courage, and loyalty, resulting in profound loss honored on days like Memorial Day. Their sacrifices profoundly impact history and the lives of others.



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**PUT YOUR OWN
OXYGEN MASK ON FIRST**



Esther 4:13-17 (NLT)

- 13 Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed.
- 14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”
- 15 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:

Esther 4:13-17 (NLT)

- 16 “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.”
- 17 So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

How do we “Go Make Disciples?”

Active Making, Not Just Teaching

Disciples are not born; they are made through nurturing, mentorship, and teaching. It involves guiding believers toward maturity and imitation of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (NIV)

- 7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.
- 8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

"As You Are Going" (Continuous Action)

Discipleship as a lifestyle is the daily, continuous process of imitating Jesus Christ in character and action, characterized by self-denial, obedience, and producing spiritual fruit.

Making Converts vs. Making Disciples

This command focuses on creating devoted followers (disciples) who resemble Christ, not just people who agree with teachings or doctrines.

John 14:8-10 (NKJV)

- 8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.”
- 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”
- 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

**“Go make disciples!”
This world needs us!**