

Same God. Same Mission.

SAME MISSION

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1 — GOD HAD ALREADY GIVEN THEM A MISSION

Genesis 12:1–2 Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation...

Genesis 15:18 To your descendants I give this land...

God already had a plan and a purpose for His people.

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2 — GOD'S MISSION REQUIRES MOVEMENT

Joshua 3:1–3 Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. ² So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; ³ and they commanded the people, saying, **“When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it...”**

God's presence isn't simply something we experience. God's presence is something we follow.

Joshua 3:4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, **that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed *this* way before**

3 — METHODS CAN CHANGE WITHOUT THE MISSION CHANGING

Faithfulness doesn't mean doing everything exactly the way we've always done it. Faithfulness means remaining committed to what God has called us to do.

4 — JESUS HAS ALREADY GIVEN HIS CHURCH THE MISSION

Matthew 28:18–20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go ^[c]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.” ^[d]Amen.

It's easy to say: "Elim's mission is to reach people."

It's harder to ask: "**Who am I reaching?**"

SUMMARY

We don't change the God we worship.

We don't change the Gospel we preach.

We don't change the Word we stand on.

And we don't change the mission Jesus gave His Church.