

## Matthew 9:27-10:42 Sent and Sending

**27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, Now stop right there. Wait, wait, wait. Two blind men followed him? How**

A) Evidently, they were being led or they had a special device or they went by the sound, but they were following Jesus, - DESPERATE

B) Jesus always responds to the Desperate: **two blind men followed Him crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"**

C) Now, when they said son of David, that's a Messianic term.

1) This is the first time in the Gospel of Matthew that someone else besides Matthew calls him the son of David.

**Matthew called him that in Chapter 1 Verse 1. Jesus Christ, the son of David, genealogical records**

A) But now, these blind men somehow believed Jesus is the promised Messiah,

B) THAT all the promises God gave to David are fulfilled in this man.

1) And one of the predictions of the Messiah according to Isaiah 29, Isaiah 35, and Isaiah 42, is that when the Messiah comes, He will open the eyes of the blind.

C) Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God!

1) They had heard the reports about Jesus even though they couldn't see for themselves

**D) Crying out Jesus the Messiah have mercy on us!**

1) Mercy: You don't owe us anything – we are not entitled to a miracle but would love it if you had mercy on us!

28 And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, **"Do you believe that I am able to do this?"** They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, **"According to your faith let it be to you."** 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it."

**Jesus said, "Don't tell anybody." What's the first thing they did? Told everybody.**

A) Opposite of us! – He tells us to tell everyone – we don't tell anyone –

B) But hey You can't blame them. EXCITED they were able to see the streets of Capernaum 1) and the lake of Galilee.

C) They just heard the waves lapping, but now they can see it but the first thing they could see was Jesus.

1) IMAGINE THAT!

**Fanny Crosby was a great hymn writer. She wrote a lot of hymns including Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine, Oh What A Foretaste Of Glory Divine.**

A) She became blind six weeks after birth.

B) She grew up, loved the Lord, used her gifts to write hymns.

C) A friend said to her one day, **"Ms. Crosby, it's a pity that God didn't give your sight, when so he gave you so many other wonderful gifts."**

Fanny Crosby smiled and she said, "If I upon birth could've had one request of the Lord, is that I would've been born blind."

Her friend said, "Why?" And Fanny smiled and said, **"Because the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my savior."** I haven't been spoiled by all the other things that could steal my attention.

The first thing I'm ever going to see is the face of Jesus.

**That was the experience of these men: First face was Jesus and they went about telling everyone.**

31 But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. 32 As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. 33 And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

**34 But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons."**

**{This began to be the accusation against him - This is not God – it is the Devil!**

**Demon possession today? Real? : 3<sup>rd</sup> world – occultism – it is definitely more prevalent**

A) People open themselves up to that. More accepted

**B)In our culture: Satan's attack is more subtle. Satan loves the fact that most people in Western cultures think – they are ok**

**C)People in our culture don't even believe in the Devil – Cartoon character – the guy on your shoulder**

**D)No desperation – Subtle numbing -**

**E)But I do believe it is getting more common here: Ryan Ries - AA meeting**

**1)Ray Bentley – me – prayed – power of the name of Jesus! – Didn't close my eyes**

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. **36 But when He saw the multitudes,** He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. **37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."**

**See's the multitude: Compassion - heart breaks – weary and scattered – sheep without a shepherd.**

**A)A HARVEST THAT IS RIPE! –**

**B)Paul – Many in this city!!!! THIS CITY!!!!**

**1)Jesus Tells his disciples – Pray for Laborers – Laborers are few!**

**C)The first thing to do with needs: PRAY – YOU CAN DO MORE than Pray but can't do anything until you have first prayed**

**D)When you pray – A BURDEN: HIS HEART BECOMES YOUR HEART**

**HE sends his disciples out: Note how – 11 things**

**1)Same way that He sends us out today**

**E)Said in another place – **Just as the father sent me I am sending you.****

**1)Jesus was the first missionary – left his homeland to go to a foreign country to bring salvation -**

**#1 With a vision: See people – Sheep in need of a shepherd –**

**A Harvest ripe for the LOVE OF GOD!**

**B)IF YOU AND I ARE GOING TO BE USED Effectively by God – we need HIS VISION of the people around us.**

**#2 He sent them out in Power.**

10 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He **gave them power** over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him.

**He gave them power: Over Demons, for healing,**

**A)Equipped them with what was necessary for them to do what he was calling them to do!**

**B)Wouldn't it have been horrible if he said: You will face Demons – GOOD LUCK WITH THAT!**

**C)Sick people – Sorry – you will be helpless**

**No he sends them out fully supplied to face the needs and the obstacles that would be thrown at them.**

**A)And I love the fact that Matthew names all the disciples here – because I think he is reminding us – JUST A BUNCH OF ORDINARY GUYS**

**B)God uses the Ordinary to do the extra-ordinary!**

**C)He sends us out in Power – John 14 – Not going to leave you orphans .....Holy Spirit**

**1)Acts 2 Empower us to be His witnesses**

**D)Same power that brought Jesus out of the grave is available to us!**

**1)Amazing! – Not given spirit of fear but power, love, and sound mind**

**#3 He sent them with a clear direction:**

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. **6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

**Right away, Jesus put restrictions on them. Why?**

**A)Because He was establishing priorities for them, saying, "This is where you start—**

**B) You start in your home country. Start where you're at,**

1) "Cross the street before you cross the ocean."

C) In addition to establishing priority, there's another reason Jesus put this restriction on them.

**Had these apostles gone to the Samaritans—Gentiles—first, no one would have received them when they came back home**

A) Because the Jews despised the Gentiles.

**B) In Romans we read that the gospel went to the Jew first and then to the Greeks, or the Gentiles,**

1) not because of priority, but because of precedence.

**C) See The Jews had been prepared by the prophets, by the covenants, and by the promises.**

1) So the Lord sent His boys to the Jews first.

**D) Later on, he's going to give them the great commission.**

1) This is the smaller commission and this is targeted on a single people group, the Jewish nation,

**E) The people living in that area announce to them that a Jewish Messiah has come according to Jewish scripture**

**Our mission today – Go into all the world.....**

**Matthew 28:18,19** Go 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, <sup>20</sup> 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.*" Amen.

**#4 He sent them with a message:**

**7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'**

A) The Greek word for preach is *kerusso*.

**B) Maybe you've heard of Enrico Caruso, the great opera singer who would shatter a glass from fifteen feet away with his powerful tenor voice.**

**C) Remember Caruso. That's the word for preach. Sing it out. Sing out the gospel!**

**Earlier (Matthew 4:17) we were told that Jesus' message was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

A) The disciples brought the same message Jesus preached, simply bringing it over a much broader area than Jesus could just by Himself.

**Our message: The Gospel – GOOD NEWS!**

A) Not Bad news – Good news – Hope

**B) Jesus loves you – died for you – Rose again – will live inside of your heart if you will let him**

**So They were sent to preach –**

A) Interesting to me – I am sure you have heard this saying: "Preach the gospel and if necessary, use words."

**B) We hear that and think – that is deep – that sounds so spiritual – so cool**

**C) It is deep, but it's wrong. It's always necessary to use words.**

**As you go, don't just do good deeds, don't just heal the sick and go, "I preach the gospel."**

A) Don't be content with thinking well - I fed you a meal. I did a nice deed

**B) And I hope you put two and two together and figure out that I'm a Christian**

1) Somehow through osmosis – understand the gospel

**C) Our good deeds provide the opportunity to share – you know why I am doing this?**

1) Because of what Jesus did for me

**D) Now in the case with a neighbor – someone you see all the time it can be beneficial to build a relationship**

1) But the goal is to share the gospel – USE WORDS

**#5 He sent them out in Faith-**

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, 10 nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.

**Faith that they have been given Power to do those things**

A) One thing to be told that – it is another to walk in it!

**B)We are told that the gospel is the power to save – but we have to believe that and share it right.**

**1)Pray in faith for healing – believing – pray Jesus answers**

**C)Faith is a big part of the Christian life – called to step out in faith – walk in faith!**

**Jesus was calling them to trust God for their provision.**

**A)Great place to be – trusting God –**

**B)Oregon: gifts in the mail.**

**C)So on this occasion he is sending them in faith – trusting for provision**

**1)Don't take a money bag – extra sandals – travel light – I want you to be as unencumbered as possible on this trip**

**D)There is definitely a place for that – Self-evaluation – is there anything holding me down or back?**

**Interesting that later in Luke 22:35 he tells them this**

"He said to them, when I sent you out without money bag, nap sack and sandals, did you lack anything?" So they said nothing. Then he said to them, "But now, he who has a money bag, let them take it and likewise a nap sack and he who has no sword, let him take or sell his garment and buy one.

**E)So take provisions, take protection and go for it." Different kind of commission.**

**1)He is training them here in the 10th Chapter to live a life of faith and to travel light.**

**#6 With A focus:**

11 "Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.

12 And when you go into a household, greet it. 13 If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. 15 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

**A)Essentially this is what Jesus is saying - don't waste your time on people who are not open.**

**B)Great ministry happens – Right person – right place – right time**

**1)There is an openness – Doesn't mean there isn't any opposition – but there is also an OPENESS!**

**C)Sometimes there just isn't – you feel like you are banging your head against a wall -**

**1)When it is always Constant opposition –**

**D)Sometimes there comes a moment where you have to ask – LORD IS THIS DOOR CLOSED?**

**Sometimes – just not the right place or time – { Missionaries in Poland now in Cambodia**

**A)Sometimes that is the way it is: To stay there is running the risk of being disobedient – wasting our time**

**B)Time is too short! - Don't waste your time:**

**C)DISCIPLESHIP – ONLY Disciple those who truly want to be disciplined.**

**1)Youth Ministry: Focus on the struggling and they neglect the solid**

**D)Kids act out – because the only kids that get attention are the one's who are struggling**

**Jesus said sometimes you just have to shake the Dust off your feet and move on.**

**A)The practice of shaking the Dust off your feet – was an extreme practice – Last resort is the idea.**

**B)It was a sign of disassociation and Judgment.**

**1)I leave you in the hands of the Lord! – Heart is hard!**

**C)Jesus is giving a relief here: Sometimes it is just better to move on than to bang your head against the wall trying to reach someone**

**D)A few years ago - A guy thinking he was Jesus came to Calvary Vista – Shook the dust off!**

**# 7 With a Warning: Expect Opposition**

**16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves.**

**A)Wolves eat Sheep – so the idea is they are going to be after you!**

**B) Their calling was going to be dangerous they were going to be invading enemy territory. Satan never gets excited about that!**

1) We are entering into a spiritual battle with the enemy who has held people captive for a long time.

**C) But don't be afraid: He gave us Power - Lambo**  
- Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

**Most of us think snakes – think nasty! – Pet snakes – I don't get it!**

**A) The Devil disguised himself as a snake right – reason for that.**

**B) Snakes slither around – crafty – hide under a rock or in bushes – quickly jump out**

1) Strike with a fierceness

**C) Snakes are also good protectors!**

**D) Doves on the other hand – Loving – innocent**

**Combination of those two:**

**A) Alert – shrewd – not a push over – easy to corner like a snake**

**B) But loving and gentle like Doves**

**Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. <sup>6</sup> Let your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.** Colossians 4:5-6

**A Warning:**

17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.

19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

**Your father has you! – Corrie ten Boom – When do I give you the ticket?**

**A) God supplies the need – counseling –**

**B) Billy's Graham's counseling handbook – helpful – but I couldn't remember**

**C) Amazing how God meets you – brings to remembrance in the hour**

**We are in a battle – Internal Family**

21 “Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. {Don't be surprised that they hate you – they hated me! But he who endures to the end will be saved.

**Jesus expands on this idea in v.34**

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; 36 and ‘a man's enemies will be those of his own household.

**This is the reality: We live in a culture –you can talk about anything else but Jesus.**

**A) People will be tolerant**

**B) But the minute you say what Jesus said – I am the only way!**

1) Problem

**C) The Gospel saves – but it also Divides**

**Case for Christ – Lee Strobel – Journalist**

**A) Wife gets saved – he sets out to debunk Christianity – months without her knowing – I need to save her from this.**

**B) He couldn't**

**C) True you get saved and your unsaved friends and family either get saved or they want nothing to do with you anymore**

1) Nothing in common

**Opposition is sometimes internal – friend and family**

**Also External**

23 When they persecute you in this city, **flee to another.** {Comforting – sometimes it is necessary and ok to flee! – Other times we are to stand For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his

teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! **26 Therefore do not fear them.** For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

**#8 With Boldness!** 27 “Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, **preach on the housetops.** {Shout!!!!} 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

**A)The world is always trying to silence the church and intimidate us – Jesus’ day – physical threats – Different parts of the world still the same**

**B)Christians lose their lives everyday**

**C)Our culture: Intimidate – Ostracize you – cut you off – Or worse – Sue you**

**D)Remember Blind Bartimaeus in Mark 10 – told him to be quiet and he yelled even louder**

**Not given a spirit of fear but power love and a sound mind.** – 2 Timothy 1:7

**E)Don’t fear those who hurt the body – fear the Lord**

**#9 With Comfort**

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

**A)Sparrows weren’t worth a whole lot.** Cheapest birds to buy – Jesus says and yet the father knows when one of them dies.

**B)You are more important than the birds -** Every little aspect of your life is monitored and is controlled by sovereign God, you're His child

**C)God never says the word, "Oops," not in His vocabulary.**

1)Even the very hairs of your head are numbered.

**D)The very hairs of your head are numbered. Crazy – God counts the hairs on your head.**

1)For some, it's an easier task than for others,

**Now the average head has between 90,000 to 140,000 strands of hair or follicular units.**

**A)If you're a red head, it's about 90,000.**

**B)If you're a blonde, typically you're a bit higher around 120,000 to 140,000.**

**C)But the point Jesus was making is wonderful. FATHER LOVES YOU AND CARES FOR YOU.**

32 “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

**This verse is often misunderstood.**

**A)People ask, the other day – I wasn’t forthright in a situation about being a Christian**

**B)“Does this mean the Lord will deny me? NO**

**C)PETER DENIED JESUS 3 X – After the Resurrection Jesus went looking for Him**

**1)Commissioned Him – feed my sheep – Keep going, Peter**

**D)Jesus did not damn Peter, disown Peter, or disqualify him from service.**

**We also need to remember Hebrews says, that when Jesus ascended into heaven, He became our High Priest who lives, to make intercession for the saints.**

**A)He’s praying for us right now.**

**B)Now If we deny Him—if we don’t stand up for Him—we will miss the benefits He wants to bestow upon us,**

**1)and we will be spiritually poorer.**

**C)Thus, in my opinion, this verse has nothing to do with our salvation.**

1)It has to do with the blessings God bestows upon us as we stand up for His Son.

**Secondly, it has to do with eternal rewards, crowns, and benefits.**

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. Daniel 12:3

**Daniel declares that you who are soul-winners are wise because you’re going to shine as stars forever.**

**A)If you’re standing for the Lord and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, you will be confessed by the**

Lord when you stand at the Bema Seat of Christ.

**B)The Bema Seat is not a place where sins are judged. Our sins were all judged at Calvary.**

**C)We will never be judged for our sins and denials, our departures and backsliding.**

**1)However, we will be rewarded for what we did in Christ's Name.**

**D)If we confess Jesus before men, Jesus will confess us before the Father.**

**1)And rewards will come our way eternally.**

### #10 A REALITY CHECK –

**A)you will have to make a choice**

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’;

36 and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ 37 He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

### How our generation needs to hear this.

• In the '60s, the goal was to “Find Yourself.”  
*We tried that and didn't like what we found.*

• In the '70s, the goal was to “Improve Yourself.”  
*All kinds of courses were taken, and health spas abounded, but it didn't work. People were not happy.*

• In the '80s, the goal was to “Serve Yourself.”  
*As our nation grew more and more materialistic, it became less and less fulfilled.*

• In the '90s, 2000's the goal is to “Express Yourself.”

**In every age, Jesus says, “Die to self.”**

39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

**Do you ever hear people say, “Man, I'm losing it”? The reason they say this is because they're living for themselves.**

**A)If you find your life and live for yourself, you'll lose it.**

**B)If you want to be miserable, turn inward; but if**

**you want to have life, turn to Jesus—**

**C)The Author of life says, “Die to self. Live for Me.”**

**The disciple must follow Jesus even to the place of taking his cross.**

A)When a person took a cross in Jesus' day, it was for one reason: to die.

**B)The ancient Roman cross did not negotiate, did not compromise, and did not make deals.**

1)There was no looking back when you took up your cross, and your only hope was in *resurrection* life.

**C)The disciple lives in a paradox. He can only find life by losing it, and he can only live by dying.**

1)Resurrection life can only come after we take up our cross to follow Jesus.

### #11 With A Promise

40 “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. 41 He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

**“Anyone who honors you will be honored by Me.**

A)Even if they give you a cup of cold water, they are going to be blessed

**B)In the Book of Hebrews, we are told the Lord is not unfaithful to forget our works of righteousness (6:10).**

**C)When you do something for someone else, they might forget about it.**

**D)But when you do something in the Name of the Lord for the people of the Lord,**

1)He promises He will not forget, and you will be rewarded.

2)The one who sees in Secret will reward you openly

**E)When? Perhaps now—but even better, in heaven.**

**So Go for it, Take the words of Matthew 10 to heart. Die to self. Live for Jesus.**