

# The Mission

*The Unfolding Story of  
God's Redemptive Purpose*



**EVERY NATION**  
CHURCH • PENANG

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*The Spirit's Power*

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**John 20:21–22**



# **The Challenge of Mission**



# CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES LEAVING THE FIELD



## WHY THEY LEAVE



BURNOUT & STRESS



FINANCIAL STRUGGLES



FAMILY & HEALTH ISSUES



FEELINGS OF ISOLATION

## STATISTICS

> **80%** of missionaries quit within the first 5 years

> **46%** of ministry leaders say they have considered leaving the field in the past year

> **70%** experience depression or anxiety

## COMMON REASONS



CULTURE SHOCK



TEAM CONFLICT



LACK OF SUPPORT



REENTRY CHALLENGES

## THE IMPACT



FEWER WORKERS IN THE FIELD



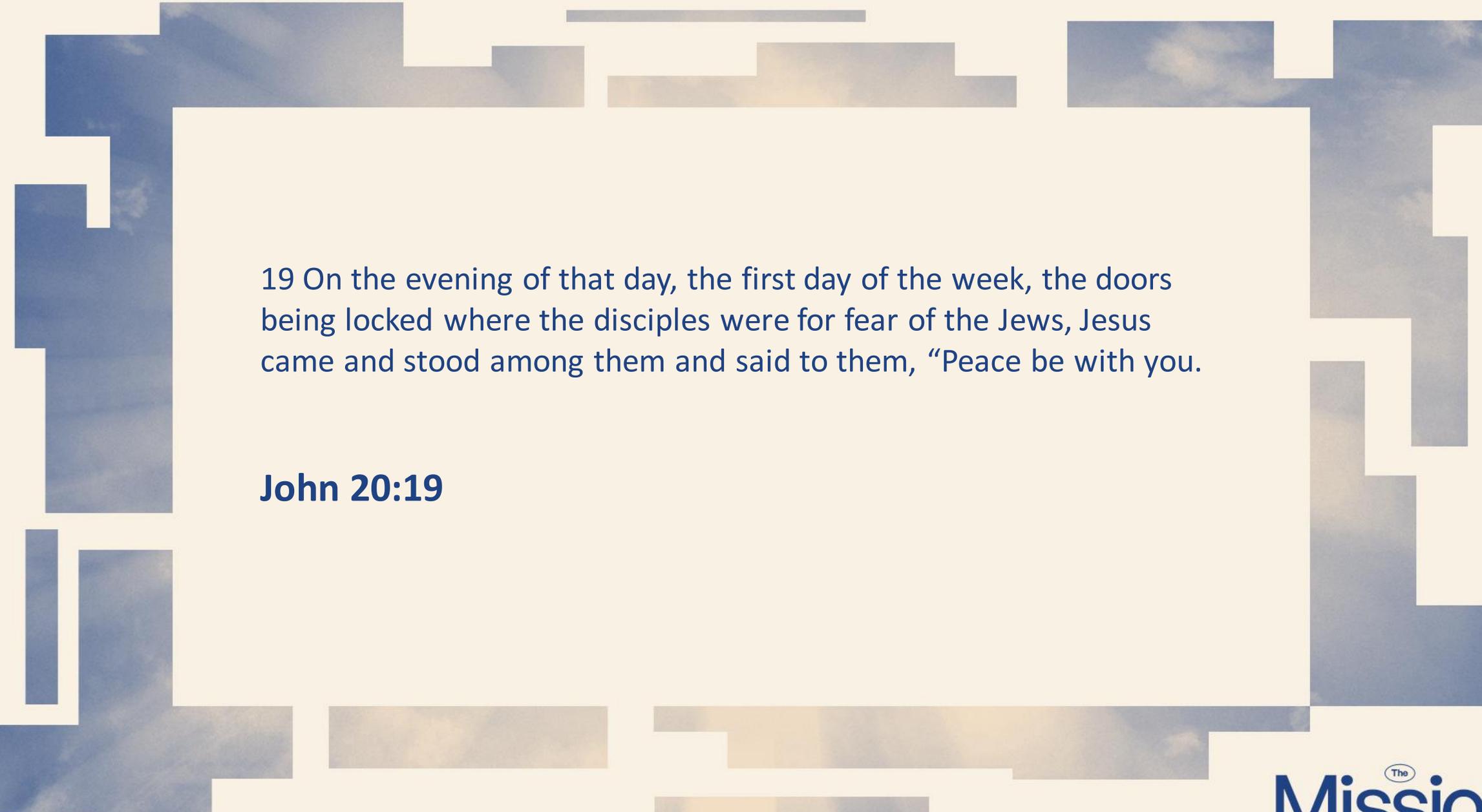
MINISTRY GAPS



UNREACHED COMMUNITIES

There are an estimated 430,000 Christian missionaries serving on the mission field today. Every year, roughly 6.5% leave the mission field.

What's more, 70% of these missionaries leave for preventable reasons.



19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.

**John 20:19**



**What transformed  
fearful disciples into  
faithful witnesses?**

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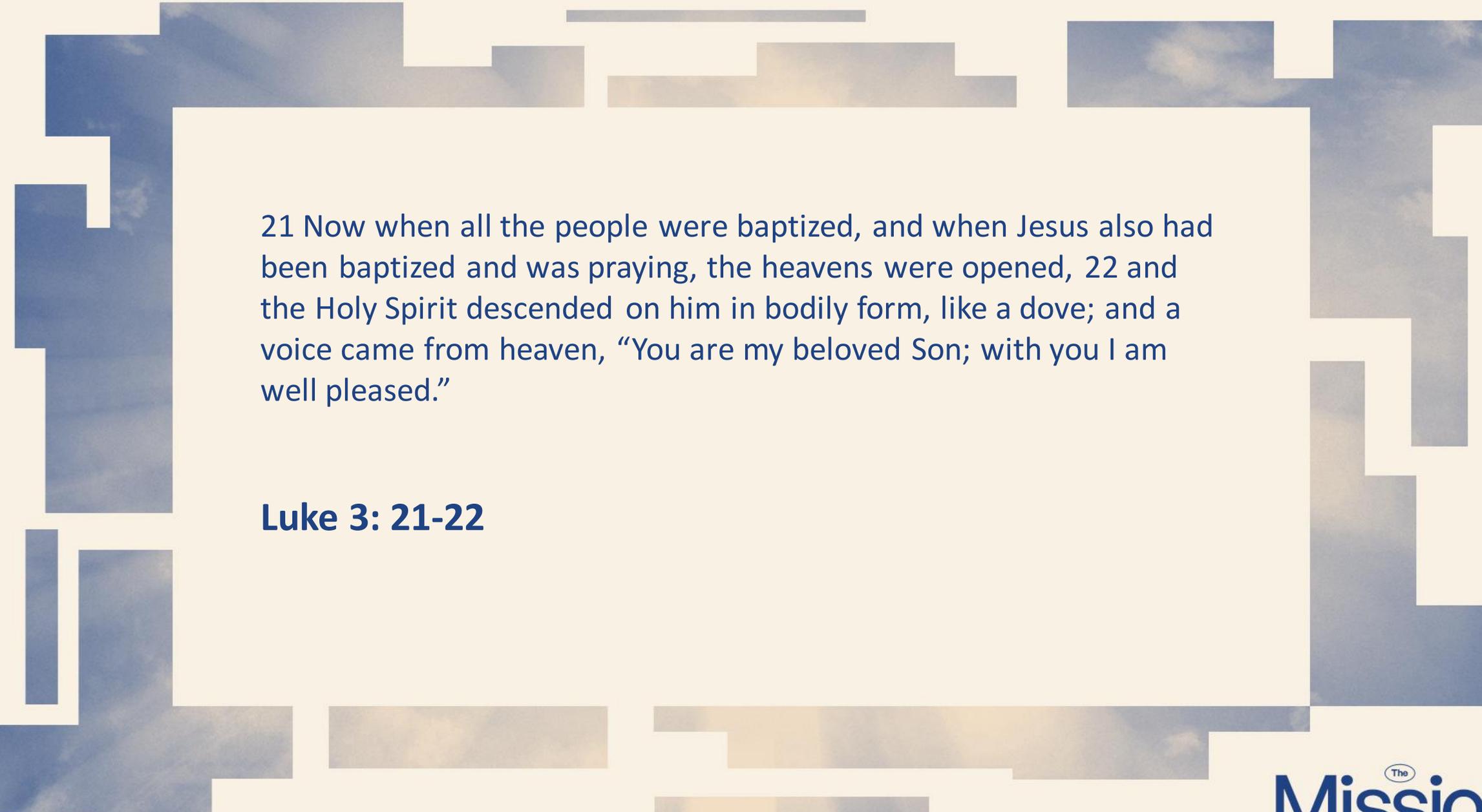
# Purpose

To understand our mission, we must first understand how  
Jesus was sent. How did the Father  
send the Son, and how does the Son send us?

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# **1. With His Pleasure**



21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

**Luke 3: 21-22**



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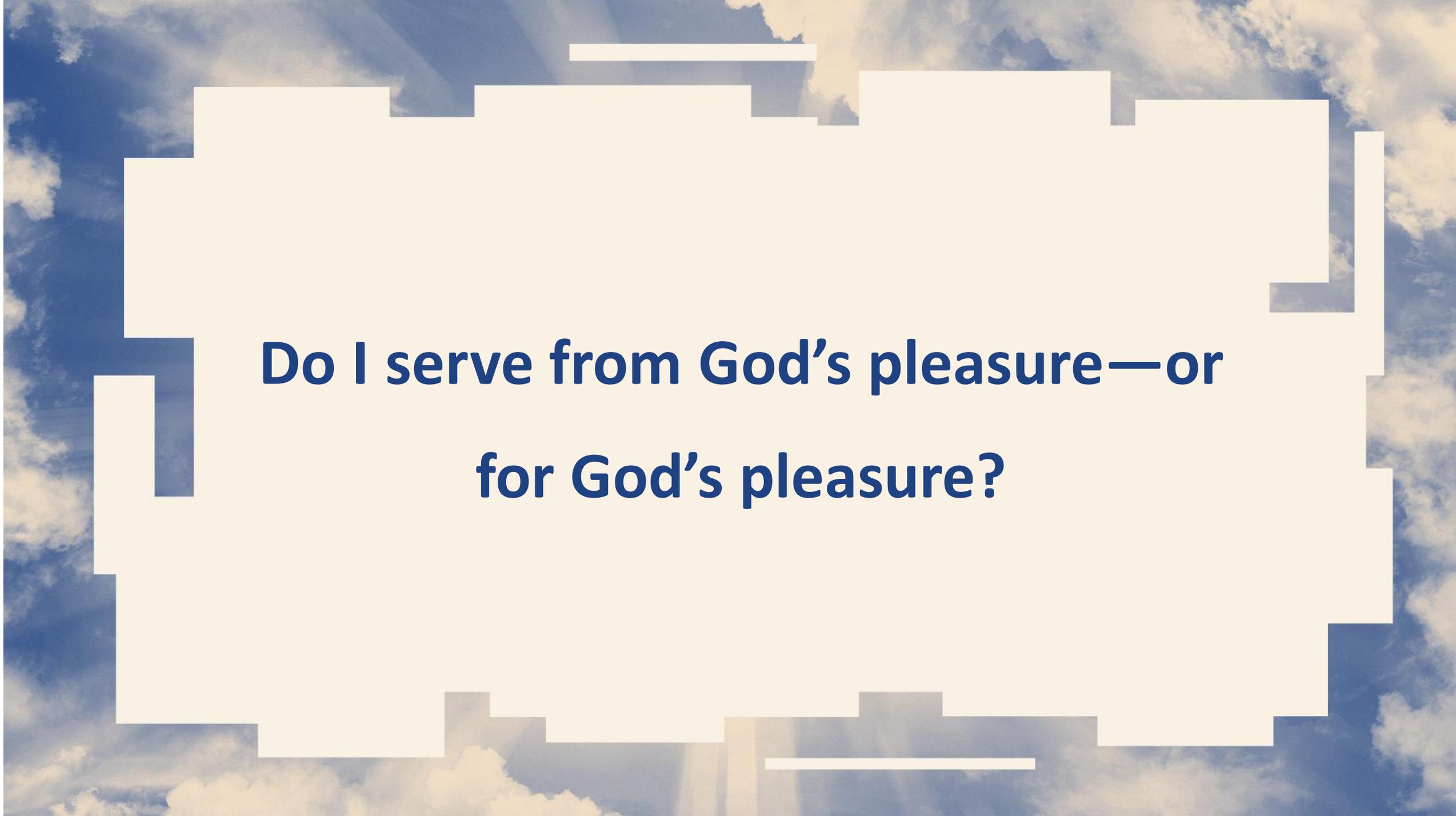
# Key Details

Jesus received the Father's affirmation before doing ministry.

God's pleasure preceded Jesus' performance.

Identity came before activity.

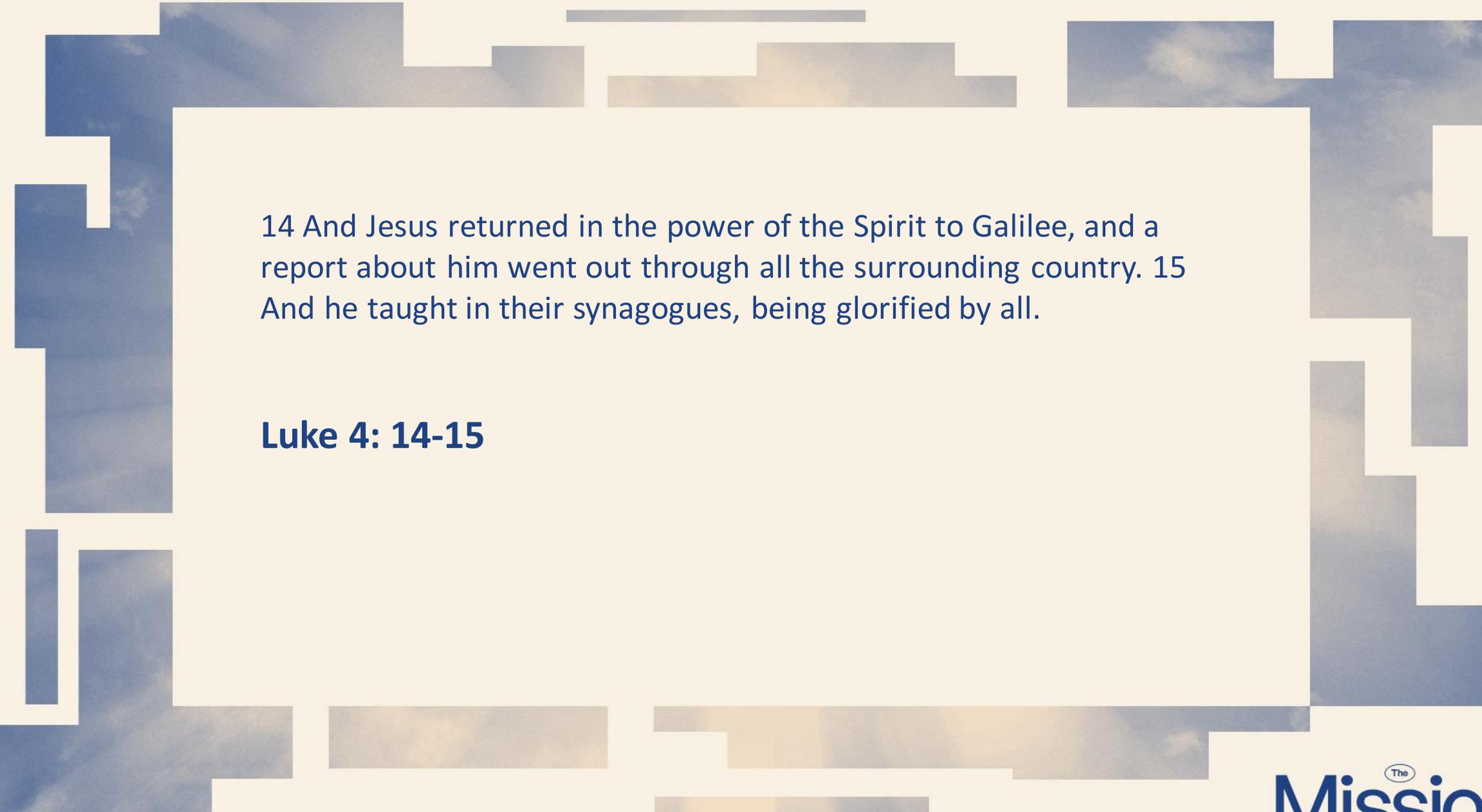
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**Do I serve from God's pleasure—or  
for God's pleasure?**



## **2. With His Purpose**



14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

**Luke 4: 14-15**

40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

### **Jesus Preaches in Synagogues**

42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

### **Luke 4: 40-44**

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**Jesus was clear on His mission: proclaim the  
kingdom and heal the broken.**

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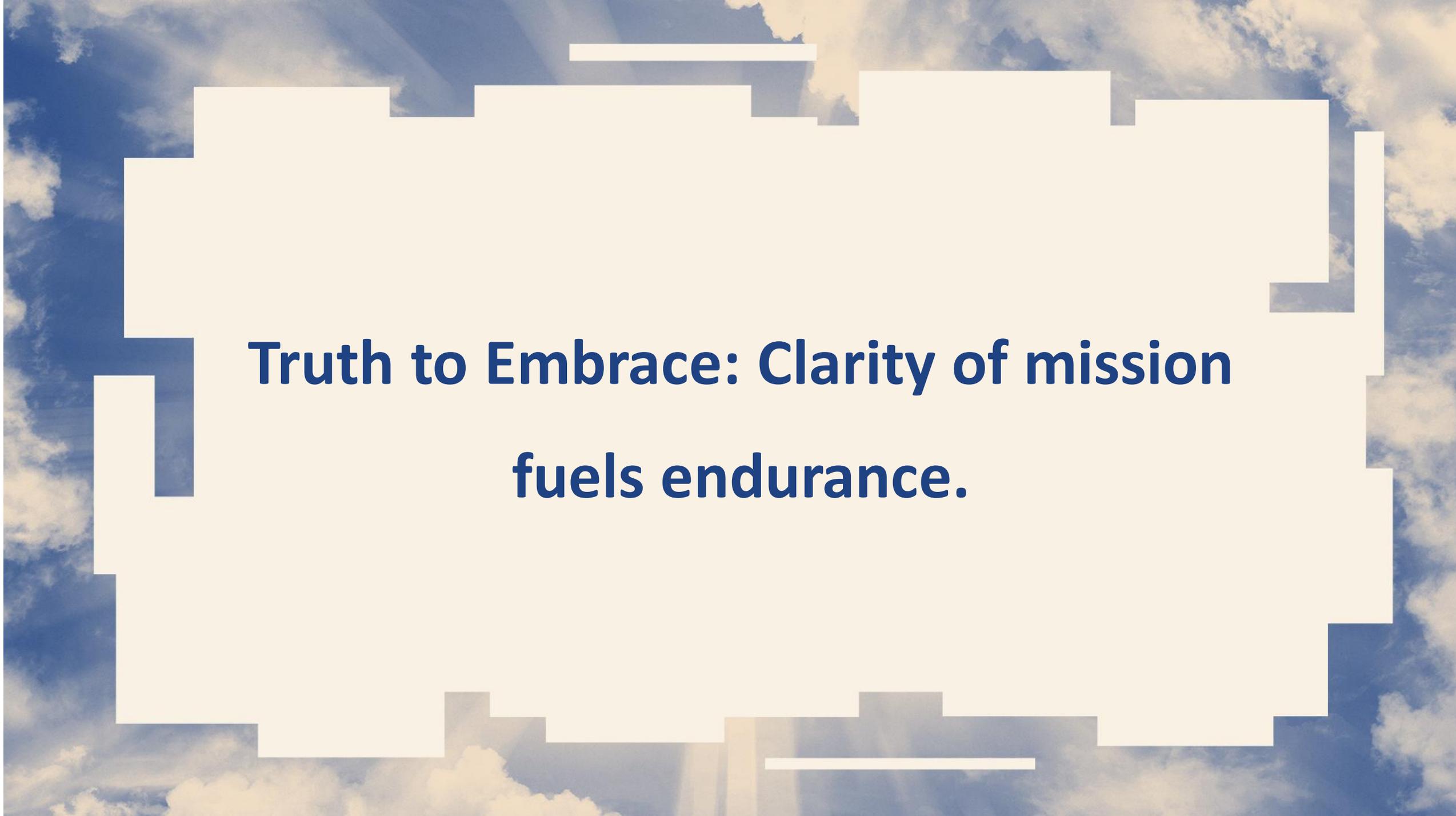
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**Distraction often leads to discouragement.  
The Spirit provides both direction and power.**

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**Truth to Embrace: Clarity of mission  
fuels endurance.**

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# **3. With His People**

5 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

**Luke 5: 1-5**

6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

### **Luke 5: 6-11**

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**Jesus intentionally chose disciples to share His mission.**

**Mission was never meant to be done alone.**

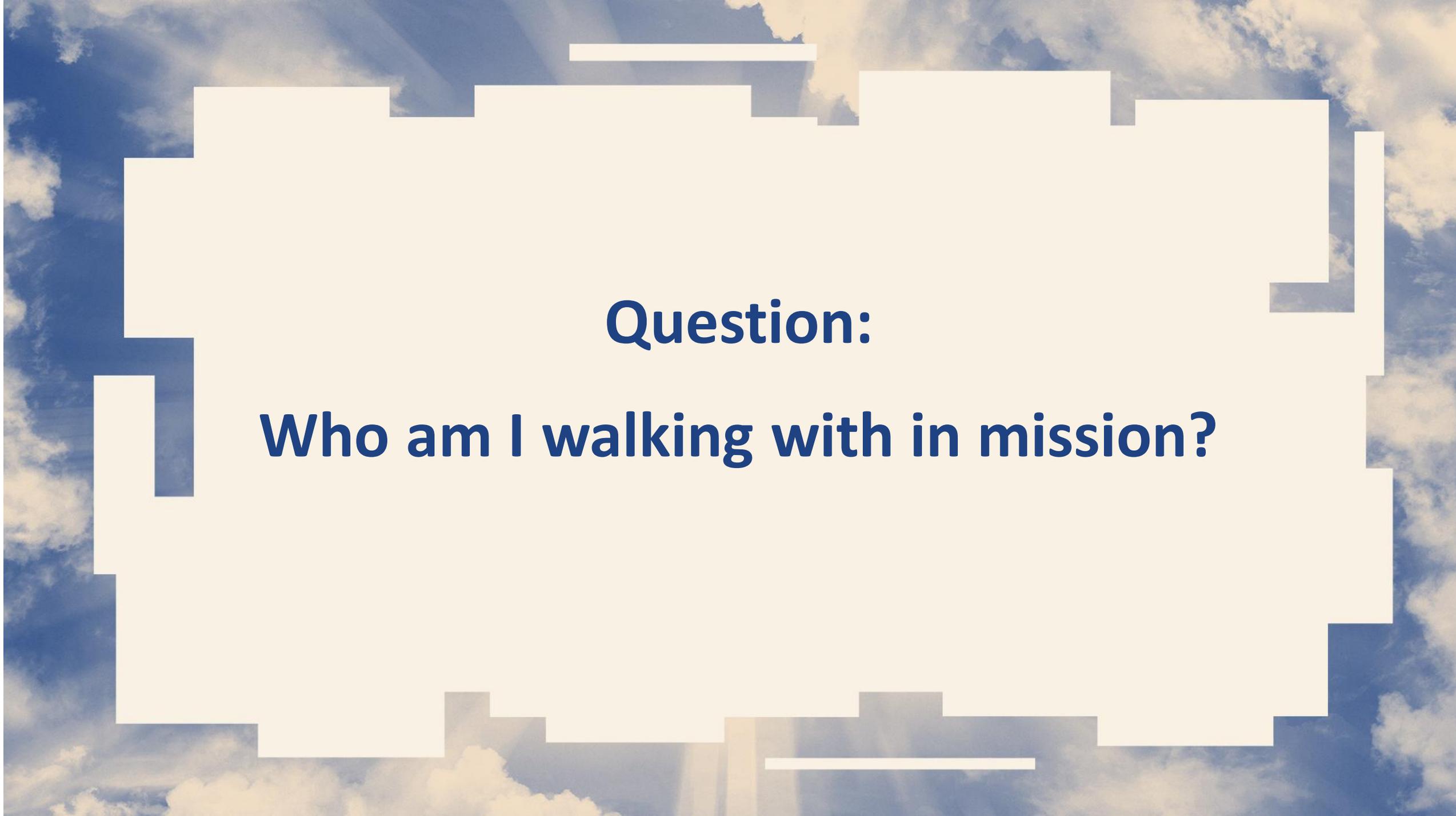
**The sending in John 20 is plural—a community is sent.**

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**Truth to Embrace: God designed  
mission to be relational.**

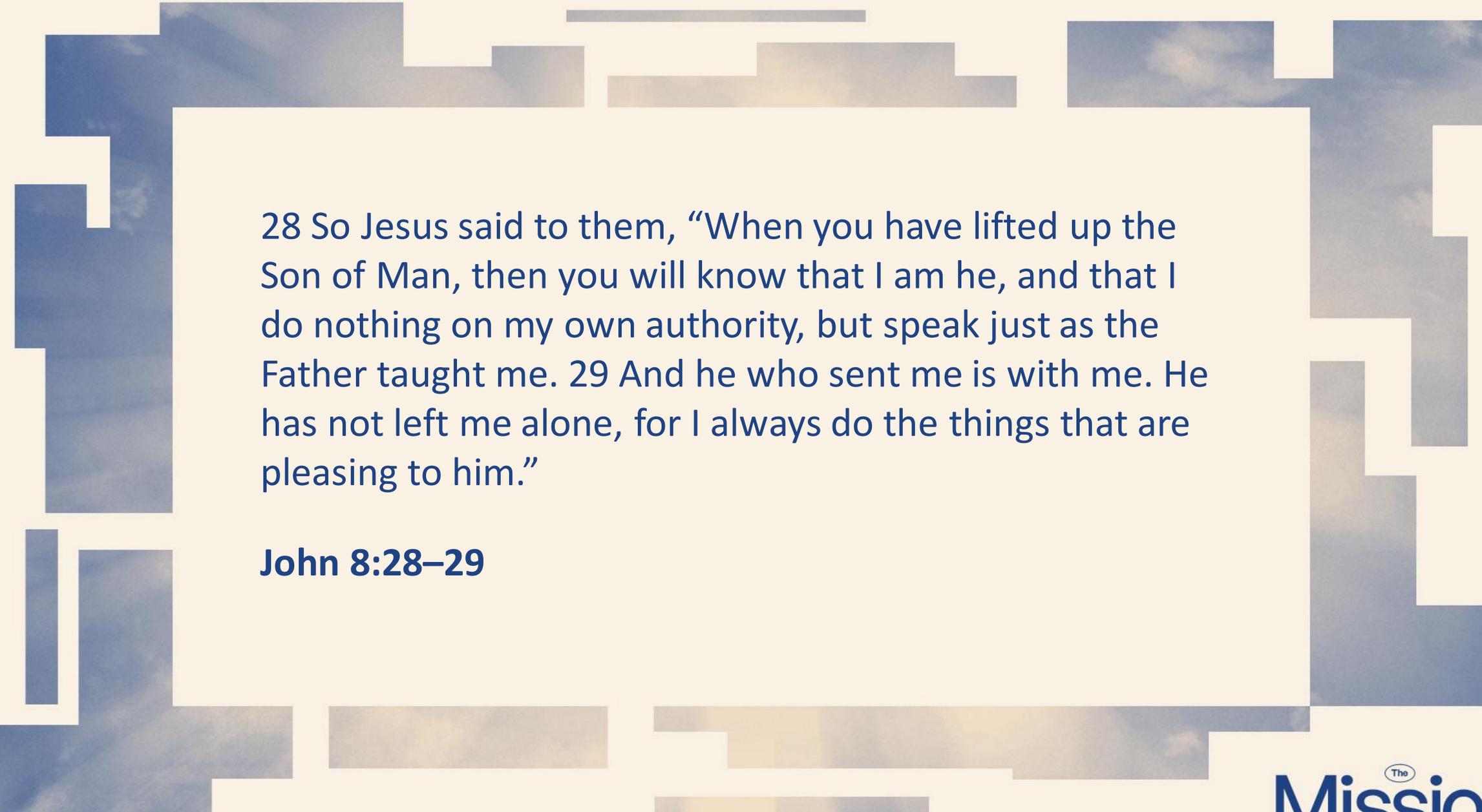


**Question:**

**Who am I walking with in mission?**

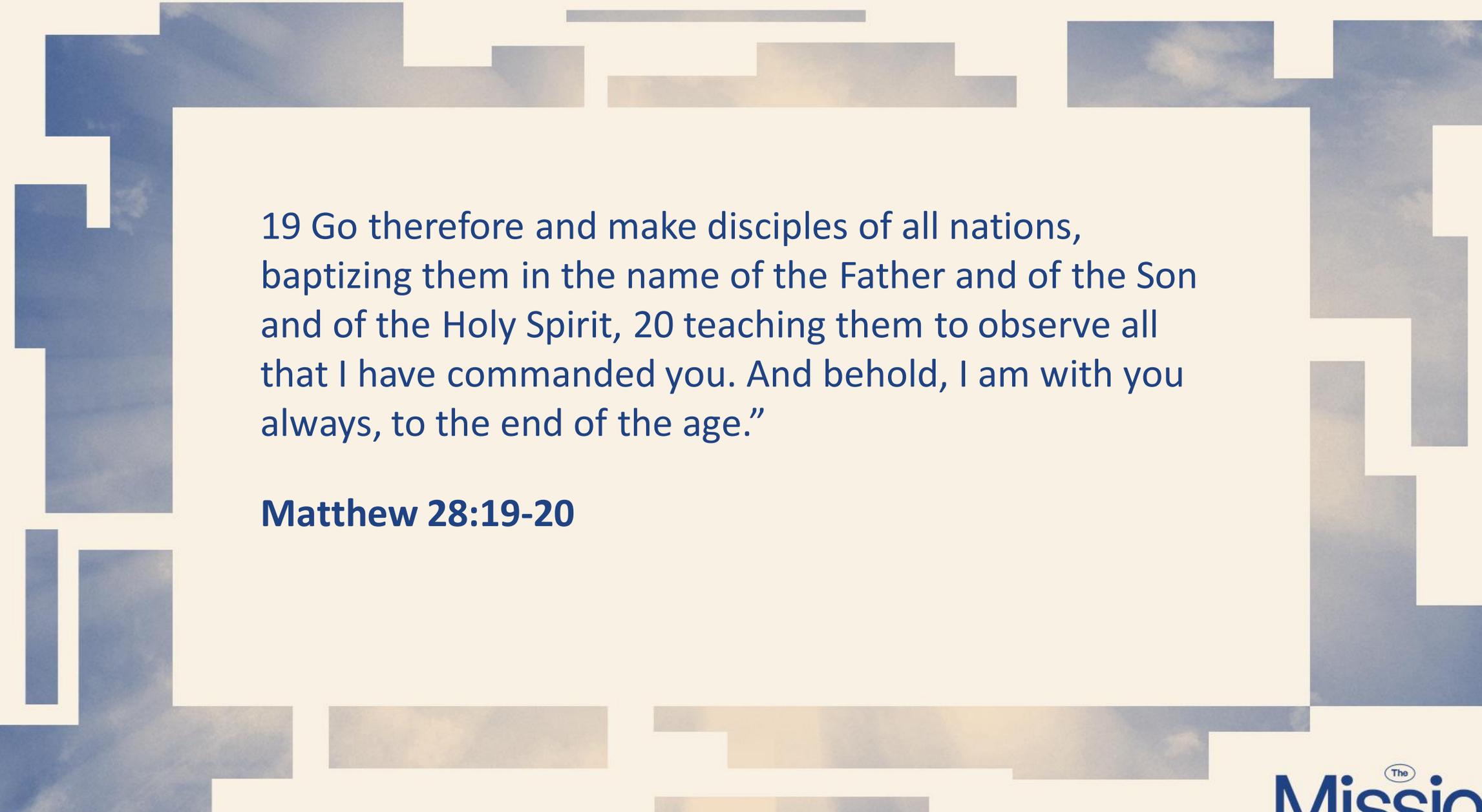


# 4. *With His Presence*



28 So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. 29 And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.”

**John 8:28–29**



19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all  
that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you  
always, to the end of the age.”

**Matthew 28:19-20**

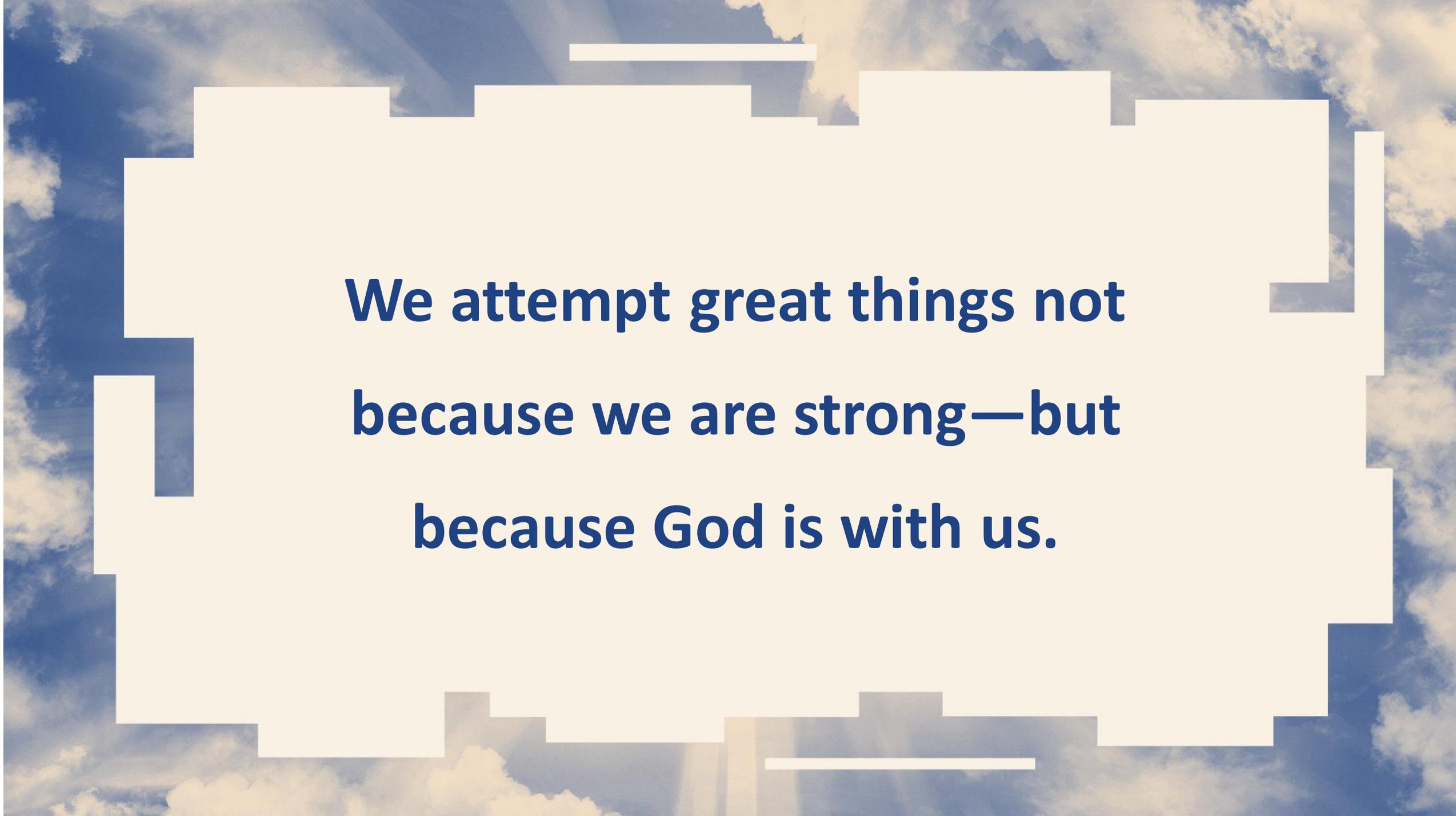
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**The Father never left the Son.**

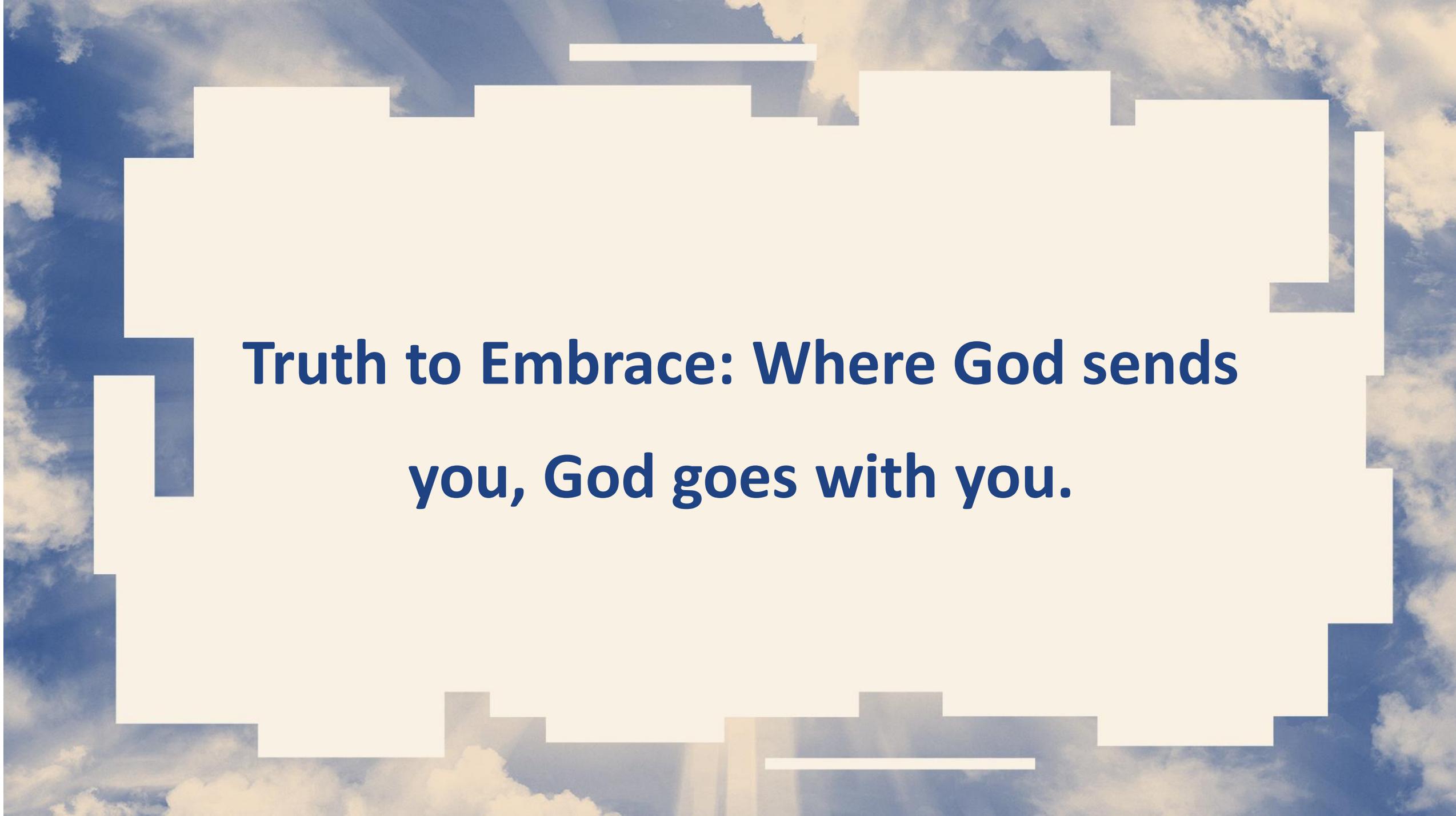
**Jesus promises His continual presence through the Spirit.**

**The Spirit reminds us of God's pleasure, purpose, and people.**

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**We attempt great things not  
because we are strong—but  
because God is with us.**



**Truth to Embrace: Where God sends  
you, God goes with you.**



**Sent the Same Way**



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**When we remember that we are sent:**

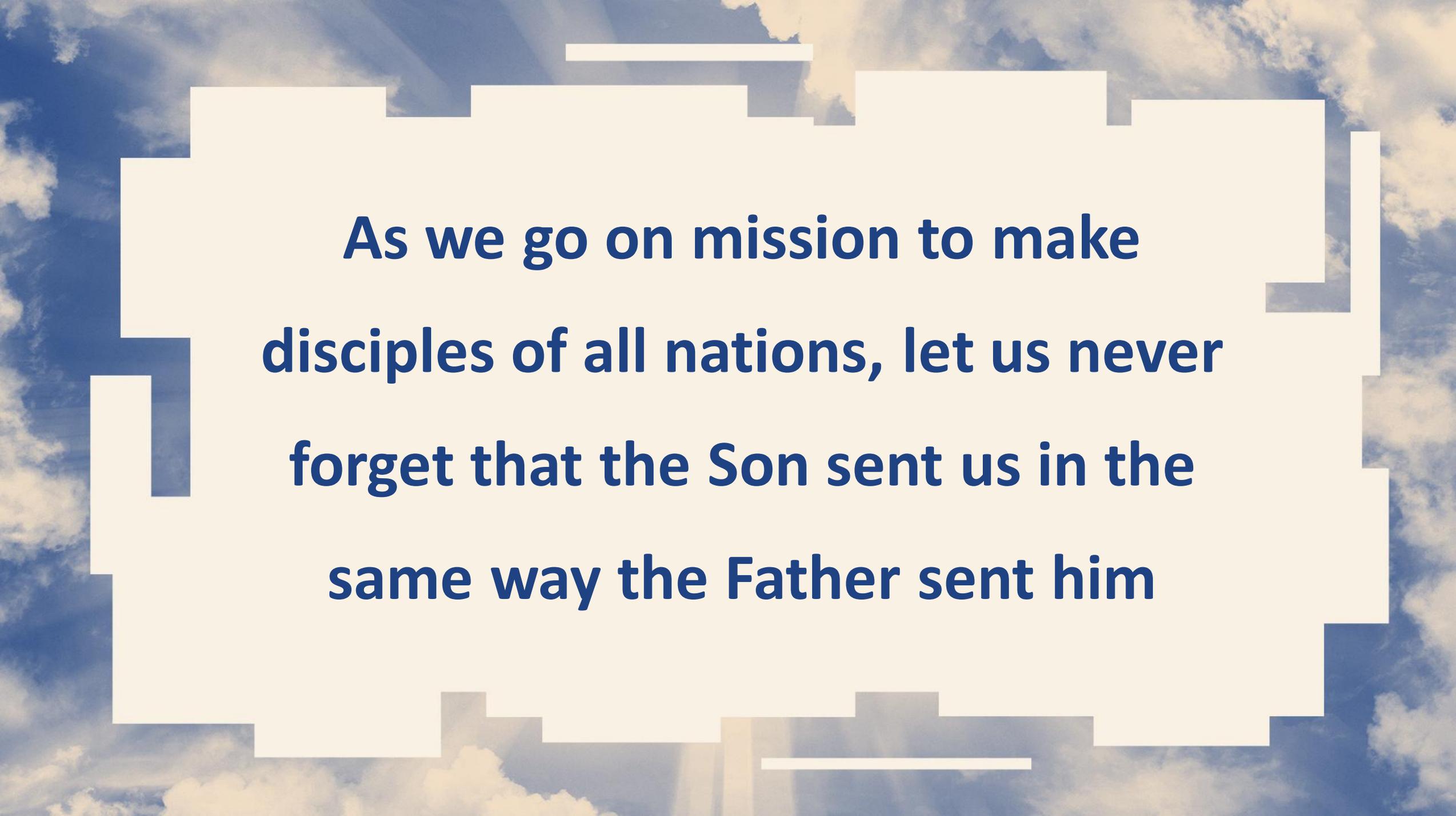
**With His pleasure, we serve with joy, not anxiety**

**With His purpose, we stay focused, not distracted**

**With His people, we endure together, not alone**

**With His presence, we attempt great things—not because we  
are great, but because God is with us**

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**As we go on mission to make  
disciples of all nations, let us never  
forget that the Son sent us in the  
same way the Father sent him**

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## Application

- 1. Which part of today's sermon resonated with you most, and why?**
  - 2. Which of the four areas – pleasure, purpose, people, or presence-  
do you need most to grow in right now**
  - 3. What is one practical step you can take this week to live as someone  
who is truly sent**
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