

## What's It All About for Here?

Often we see the lofty themes of God in the precious print of His word. And often our heart swells with the deep chords of His truths resounding in the halls of our memories. And on rare and special occasions we glimpse the beauty of His light as we meditate on His word, day and night (Psalm 1).

But how often do we pluck those rare and spiritual moments from the blue skies of life and land them on the ground of solid reality? For just a moment, picture in your mind's eye the King of kings on His royal throne eons before the first atom was created – power unimaginable, beauty unspeakable and glory indescribable. Then, in a move ineffable, He leaves glory and comes to the earth He created to save the souls He loves.

Glory meets flesh. Deity becomes humanity. God becomes a man. Time screams forward 2000 years and **you** become His hands, His feet, His voice. **You** take up His banner, His cause, His *raison d'être*. **You** take your cross daily and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

Follow Him? **Follow Him?** How? Where? Not merely to heaven, but in His steps, here on earth (I Peter 2:21). That means going where He went – where there are unsaved people. That means doing what He did – teaching the lost by word and example. That means sharing like He shared – love, self, truth, God, eternal life. We do that in our home towns. We do that on Facebook. We do that at church and in our neighborhoods.

But just as Paul said to Timothy, we “teach faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (II Timothy 2:2). And we do that by sending men to school, to congregations and to mission fields, just as the Antioch church did in Acts chapter 13.

In other words, we get the book into us so we can get us into the world. We get Jesus into us so we can take Him into the world. We dream and pray and sing. Then we get practical, down to earth. We get into the fray, the dust, the dirt and the grit of life so we can help others find His love, His glory, His salvation, His heaven, His eternity.

Praise God for the beauties of heaven and the realities and opportunities on earth. Thank Him for the senders and the goers, the funders and the finders, those who *go* and those who send them. Working together we can keep the Great Commission the great reality.

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