

What You, Me, and Batman have in Common

Matthew 10

“Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!” Matthew 10:7,8 (New Living Translation)

Looking at the way your life is right now if you had to give yourself the name of a superhero what would it be?

We often think of ourselves as ordinary people, but God has given us a chance to partner with him and take His incredible message of hope and healing to people who have not heard and experienced it. In Matthew 10 we see that God chose people who look a lot like us, to become people who would act a lot like Jesus.

In the midst of our “ordinary” lives it is like we are an undercover superhero on this incredible mission from God. So you are not a parent you are Super Influencer “Able to multitask at any moment; charged with the task of guiding and directing the lives of a future generation towards God!” You are not a student; you are Classroom Counselor “Willing to make a Taco Bell run at 1:00 in the morning with friends; charged with always being ready to discuss and even debate eternal life and the existence of God with people who much of the time could care less.”

Jesus did give some instructions for the mission here is four mission instructions:

(1) Trust God to provide for and guide the mission. (10:9-15)

Is there anything you are not doing for God right now for fear that He will not provide what you need to do it?

(2) You will face opposition on the mission. (10:16-28)

What kinds of opposition am my most fearful of when it comes to living for God and what can I learn from Matthew 10:28 about dealing with this fear?

(3) The mission is not ultimately about this temporal life. (10:28)

Do I make my decisions based on the pain and/or pleasure I will have in this world or based on what God wants me to do?

(4) The mission giver comes before everything else. (10:37-39)

Is there anything in my life that I am putting before God?