

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus called the Twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and power to cure diseases. <sup>2</sup> And He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. <sup>3</sup> "Take nothing for the journey," He told them, "no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no second tunic. <sup>4</sup> Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that area. <sup>5</sup> If anyone does not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that town, as a testimony against them." <sup>6</sup> So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the Gospel and healing people everywhere.

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**Go forth in** . . . . . 9:1-2  
 Jesus gives us . . . . . we need. 1  
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 A thorn in the flesh was given to me. 2Cor12:7  
 Apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5  
 Jesus sends us . . . . . we need. 2  
**Go forth in** . . . . . 9:3-5  
 Don't worry about . . . . . 3  
 Don't worry about . . . . . 4  
 Stay sharp. Stay focused. Stay engaged. Est4:14  
 Don't worry about . . . . . 5  
**Go forth in** . . . . . 9:5-6  
 Be . . . . .  
 You . . . . . be born again. John 3:7  
 Be . . . . .  
 We are Christ's ambassadors. 2Cor.5:20

**Today's worship through music**

The Light | This little light of mine | Send me out | You can trust Him | It's about the cross | Living in the rhythm of grace | Pass it on | Go forth in His name

**Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion**

1. If power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely, why did Jesus give the Twelve any power and authority (v1)?
2. In verses 1, 2, & 6, spiritual matters are always listed before physical matters. What explanation can you give for that? Give one practical application of that principle.
3. How would you have felt with v2 as your marching orders? How would you have felt with v3 as your marching orders?
4. Update v5. How can we convey the meaning of this verse in a 21st century context?
5. Verse 6 tell of the obedience of the Twelve, but verse 7 changes the topic, and we are not told whether they were "successful" or not. Why do you think we are not told the results of this mission?

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