

Grace Notes: growing our faith through music by Coni Ferland

Go Ye, Into the World Natalie Sleeth

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Matthew 28:18-20 *“Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: ‘God authorized and commanded me to commission you: go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this day after day after day, right up until the end of the age.’”* The Message¹

John 14:23 *“Jesus replied ‘All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of you.’”* New Living Translation²

These verses in Matthew are called the Great Commission. Why do you think it was given this title? What do these words mean to you? In what ways can/do you answer Christ’s call?

Matthew tells us Christ said: *“I’ll be with you as you do this day after day after day, right up until the end of the age.”* And Paul reminds us that Jesus said *“All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of you.”*

Do you feel this connection? How does this make you feel?

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John 12:46 *“I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.”* New Living Testament²

Romans 10:14-17 *“But how can people call for help if they don’t know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven’t heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them, unless someone is sent to do it? That’s why Scripture exclaims. ‘A sight to take your breath away! Grand processions of people telling all the good things of God!’ But not everybody is ready for this, ready to see and hear and act. Isaiah asked what we all ask at one time or another: ‘Does anyone care, God? Is anyone listening and believing a word of it?’ The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ’s Word is preached, there is nothing to listen to.”* The Message¹

Shortly before His death, Jesus tells His disciples that He has come to bring His light so that believers can come out of the dark. And in his letter to the Romans, Paul goes into great detail about the importance of sharing the Gospel – the Good News – of Christ’s work in the world and in our lives.

What does Christ’s light look like in your life? Why do you feel this way?

How does Paul’s reminder make you feel? Scared? Challenged? Why?

Does the song writer’s reminder that Christ will be with you change that feeling? In what ways?

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John 17:17-19 *“Make them holy - consecrated - with the truth; your word is consecrating truth. In the same way that you gave me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world. I’m consecrating myself for their sakes so they’ll be truth-consecrated in their mission.”*

The Message¹

Colossians 1:5-6 *“And you are looking forward to the joys of heaven, and have been ever since the Gospel first was preached to you. The same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world and changing lives everywhere, just as it changed yours that very first day you heard it and understood about God’s great kindness to sinners.”*

The Living Bible³

Think back to the people who have shared their faith stories with you. How did their willingness to share their story make you feel? Did their stories have an impact on you? In what way?

What story from your life would you tell others about Christ’s place in your life? Why would you tell this story?

“But life is worth nothing unless we use it for doing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God’s mighty kindness and love.”

Acts 20:24 The Living Bible³

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