

What Revival Looks Like  
How Revival Acts  
Acts 13:1-3

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3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, **they sent *them* away.**

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# Tonight we begin looking at *Paul's First Missionary Journey*.



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## V. THE OPERATIVES: THE FOUNDATIONAL EMPHASIS – SAUL/PAUL THE PIONEER, 13:1-21:26

### A. The First Missionary Journey: Exploration, 13:1-15:35

#### 1. The Commencement of the Journey, 13:1-3

##### a. The Godly Elders at Antioch, 13:1

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## The prominent leadership in the church at Antioch

- Barnabas – apparently the leader of the church
- Simeon that was called Niger – “Simeon” is a Jewish name, but this man's nickname or family name, Niger, is Roman and implies that he was dark skinned, possibly from Africa.
- Lucius of Cyrene – “Lucius” was a common Roman name; “Luke” was his Greek name. He was from North Africa (cf. 11:20). It seems unlikely that he was the same Luke who wrote this book.
- Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch – “Herod the tetrarch” refers to Herod Antipas, who beheaded John the Baptist and tried Jesus (Mark 6:14-19; Luke 13:31-33; 23:7-12). The designation seems to indicate a foster brother relationship.

- Comparing and contrasting “Herod the tetrarch” with “Manaen” is an example of great diversity of spirituality within the same household.
- Saul – Saul was evidently the newcomer (cf. 7:58—8:3; 9:1-30; 11:25-30).
- This list of leaders shows that the church in Antioch was cosmopolitan, and that God had gifted it with several speakers who exhorted and taught the believers.

b. The Godly Exercise at Antioch, 13:2-3

(1) They Were Remarkable in Service, 13:2a

(a) They Were Spiritual –“As they ministered to the Lord...”

Original Word: λειτουργέω

Transliteration: leitourgeó

Definition: I act in the public service, render service, minister, in the widest sense, of some special public religious service, but also of the service of priests and Levites.

*leitourgéō* (from *leitourgós*, "someone who officially serves sovereign and community") – **properly, to *minister* in an official (technical, authorized) capacity**, especially on behalf of the community. For the believer, (*leitourgós*) refers to the priestly-ministering they give to God – which automatically impacts (for eternity) all who witness it. Because each believer is an *official* priest of God, their ministering to the Lord is equally profound with every "living sacrifice" offered up in faith (cf. Ro 12:1-3, 15:27).

**Thus it *also* carries out His plan for *His* people.**

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Col. 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, **do *it* heartily, as to the Lord,** and not unto men;

24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: **for ye serve the Lord Christ.**

(b) They Were Sincere – “...and fasted...”

Mark 9:29

And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

New International Version

He replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."

English Standard Version

And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

New American Standard Bible

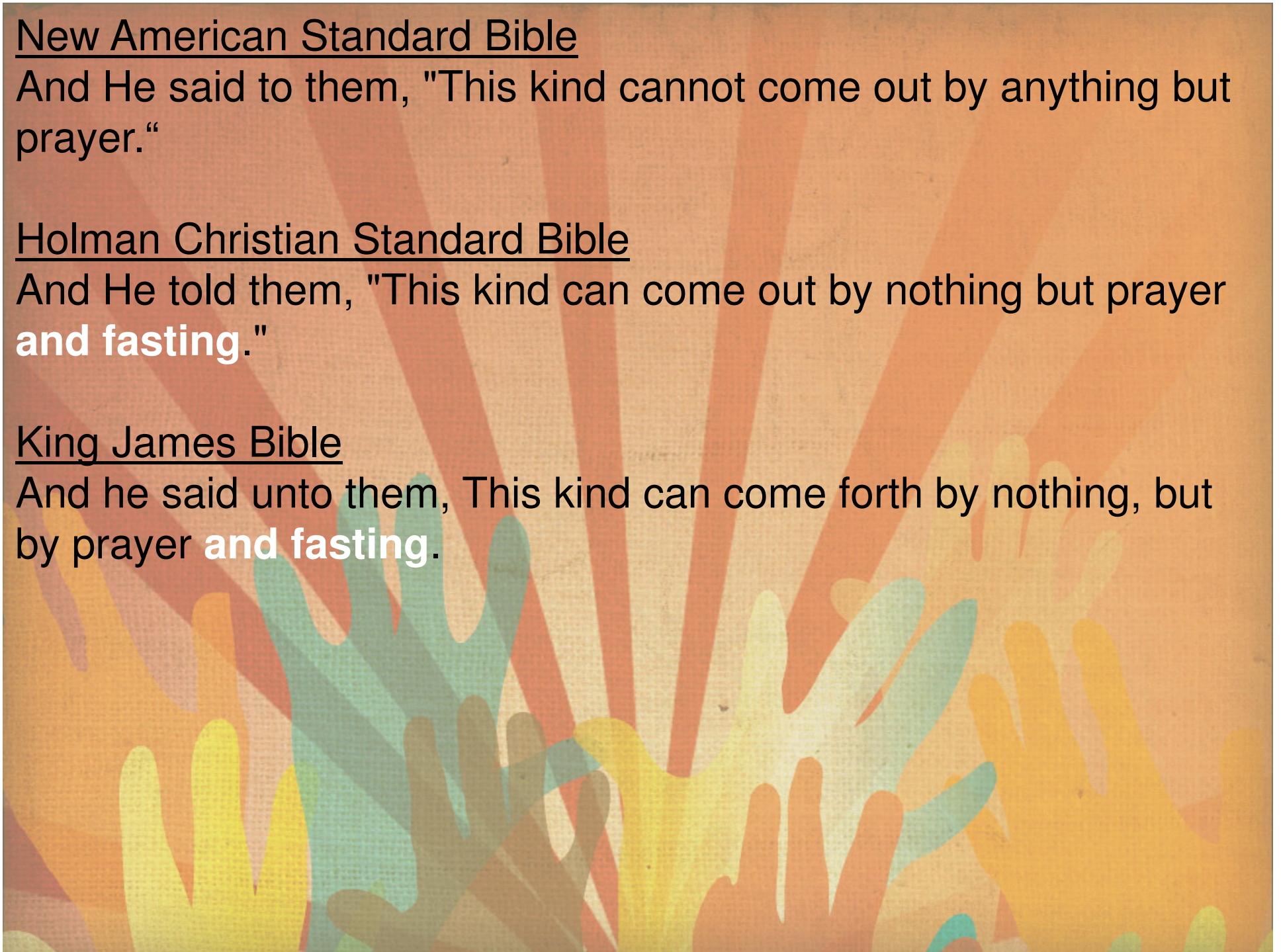
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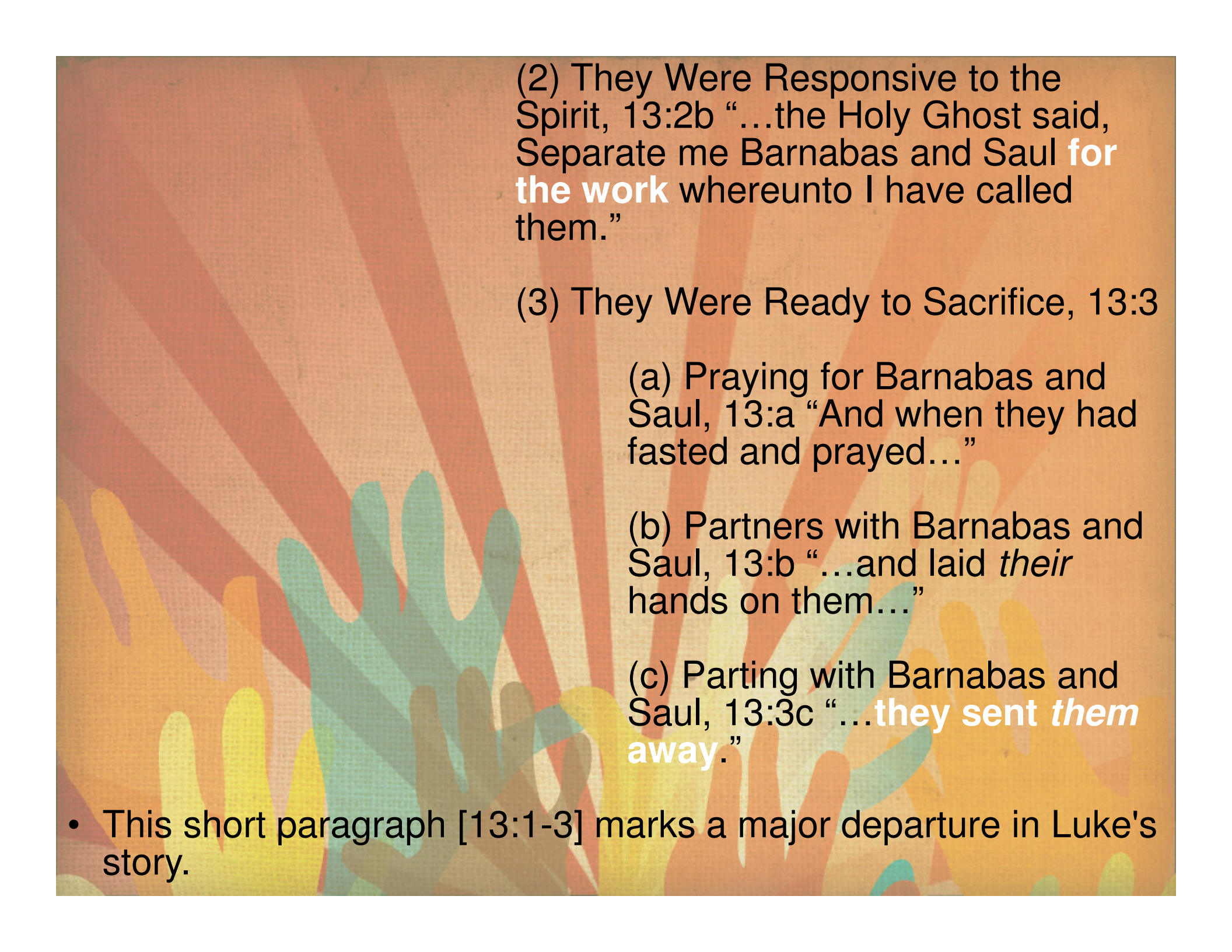
Holman Christian Standard Bible

And He told them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer **and fasting.**"

King James Bible

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(2) They Were Responsive to the Spirit, 13:2b “...the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul **for the work** whereunto I have called them.”

(3) They Were Ready to Sacrifice, 13:3

(a) Praying for Barnabas and Saul, 13:a “And when they had fasted and prayed...”

(b) Partners with Barnabas and Saul, 13:b “...and laid *their* hands on them...”

(c) Parting with Barnabas and Saul, 13:3c “...**they sent *them* away.**”

- This short paragraph [13:1-3] marks a major departure in Luke's story.

## Conclusion

Mt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ...

20 And **they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them***, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be **preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, **until ye be endued with power from on high.**

Jn. 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: **as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

Jn. 15:8 **Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**