

## Obeying Impossible Commands

Luke 9:1-17

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The continuing question: **Who is Jesus?**

How can we obey impossible commands?

1. Jesus provides authority for his servants. V.1-6
  - a. We enjoy **shared** authority with Jesus
  - b. We receive **borrowed** authority from Jesus
  - c. We employ **specific** authority for Jesus.
    - i. We **announce** the kingdom. (v.2).
    - ii. We do acts of mercy and **compassion** (1.b, 2b).
    - iii. We depend on God's **providence** (v.3).
    - iv. We live with **contentment** (v.4).
    - v. We **face reality** (v.5).
    - vi. We **obey** him faithfully (v.6).
2. Jesus gives authority (ability) to provide for others (v.10-17).
  - a. We can send them away (v.12).
  - b. We can **focus** on our meager provisions and the size of the need (v.13-14).
  - c. We can **trust and obey** Jesus even when we don't understand (14b,15) - Distribute what God provides.
  - d. We can **rejoice** to see the need met and the abundance left over (v.16-17)

So what is this about? This passage is for his disciples not for the multitudes. He said to his disciples in these two passages:

- I will meet your needs. **I care** about you.
- I will meet the needs of those to whom you **minister**.
- It is not impossible to obey; it is impossible to **control the results**.