

Matthew 28:16-20 *"Waiting well"*

Matt. 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What's driving what we do?

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (cf. Matt 4:8-9)

Matt. 6:9-10

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Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

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Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

A. We live for our King.

1. We live under the authority of King Jesus.
2. We live for King Jesus.

Col. 2:9-10 ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

What exactly will going and doing look like?

Matt. 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

B. We extend our King's kingdom.

1. We have been given specific nature for our present work.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

2. We have been given the spatial expectation for our present work.
3. We have been given the object of our present work.

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

What guide or instructions do we have for going and doing?

Matt. 28:20a teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

C. We ground our work in our growing knowledge of our King.

1. We root our efforts for the work at hand in faithfulness to all of Jesus' teaching.

2. We pursue a deeper knowledge of Jesus through His teaching (the whole of scripture).

Rom. 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Col. 1:9-10 ⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

What resource do we have to do it?

Matt. 28:20b And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

D. We depend upon our King alone for our Kingdom work.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

1. Jesus promises to go with us. (How or through whom since He's is not physically present?)
2. Jesus promises to empower us to do His work. (What's the power?)

1Cor. 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Eph. 4:12-14 ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

How do we wait well?

We wait well by intentionally orientating our hearts, our minds, and our lives toward our King and His Kingdom.

Inventory:

1. Does Jesus or your position in this life (job, zip code, salary, ministry) hold your heart within its jurisdiction?
2. What objective drives what you do each day? Again, what authority do you live under?
3. What truth or lie can you identify as the controlling factor for why you do what you do? Where do you get the steps for your plan?
4. What power sustains your work toward your goal, greed, lust, fear, or the Spirit?

Practicing living under the jurisdiction of the King for the purpose of building His Kingdom:

1. Inventory your commitments to authority, who or what you live for.
2. Read through at least one of the Gospels this week to ground yourself in the one you live for.
3. Pray about and plug into at least one resource that will help you take part in extending the Kingdom.