

Isaiah 6:8

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:
"Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."*

We all have heard and love this verse; we even pray part of it by saying: "**Here am I! Send me.**" So, would you really go anywhere for the Lord if He asked you to?

Let's say that the Lord told you that you could go anywhere that you wanted to go and be a missionary, where would it be? Africa, Ethiopia, China, Singapore, Australia, Hawaii? Yea, so many places we pray and ask the Lord to send us too.

But what if the Lord said, "*Ok, I'm going to send you to your job, that's where I want to send you to be a witness for me.*"

"Yea I suppose" you may be thinking, "If that's where He really wants me. But the people there are so bad, they party and cuss and drink all the time and are lazy workers and they make fun of me."

What, you think if you go to another country that they will accept you and be nice to you and that they don't party and drink and curse and, whatever? Do you really realize how worse off you would be if the Lord sent you to another country, like a third world country where Christians are hated and despised? Most people that are sent out realize that when they go, and that they may not even come back, because their lives are at stake and they can be killed or tortured or maimed, and yes it does happen everyday to Christians throughout the world everyday. They know that the message of the gospel will be rejected by most of the people that they come in contact with. But they also know that some will turn to the Lord as well.

But you think you can handle that and are willing to do it for the gospel sake, yet you can't do it for those in your workplace? Maybe some of them you ate lunch with a few days ago as a group of people, or you were in meetings with them at work? Some of them you may have spoken with and they know you are a Christian, and they may have even confided in you about things, or you know some of the things they and their family are going through as you hear them talk to others. But forget them, you say, send me to where I am hated and despised to share Jesus, that's the ticket for me.

So then if the Lord has already called you somewhere, like your job or neighborhood or your family and friends, then share the gospel where the Lord has called you to, and that's right there where you work and live.

Sure, they will make fun of you and most will reject the gospel message, and you could even be in danger of losing your job or even some of your friends. But if God has called

you to be a witness at your workplace, or your neighbors, or even in your own home, then be obedient with that calling. Once you are, then maybe He will send you to a third world country.

Or you may find that you enjoy being a missionary in your own hometown or at your job, and He won't need to send someone else other than you to share the gospel with them.

- † **Acts 16:40 (NLT)** *Paul and Silas then returned to the home of Lydia, where they met with the believers and encouraged them once more before leaving town.*

- † **1 Thessalonians 2:4** *But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.*