

Lam 2:11 (NLT)

I have cried until the tears no longer come; my heart is broken. My spirit is poured out in agony as I see the desperate plight of my people. Little children and tiny babies are fainting and dying in the streets.

We live in desperate days, but the church is not that desperate. – Pastor Chuck Smith

When I heard pastor Chuck Smith say that, I thought how true it is. We go to church and listen to the message of how we need to be a witness and share the gospel, yet we go out thinking that someone else will do it.

We listen to the news and hear of all these things going on in the world, and we think that someone needs to go and do something about it.

We read Face Book everyday and hear of needs or just see some of our friends and family members living a life of sin, and our hearts breaks for them, yet we keep silent. Yes these are desperate times, but how desperate are we to do something about it?

“*Well, what can I do?*” you may be thinking.

The first thing we should always be doing is praying, but not praying that the Lord would send someone to do something about it, but rather that He would send you by the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish His will.

† **Isaiah 55:11** *So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

† **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 read of Isaiah and how he was willing to go, and we even pray, "**Here am I! Send me.**"

So is the Lord wanting to send you, but you are just not going?

Have you come up with so many excuses that you pray, "**Here am I! Send me. but first let me _____?**"

I think of when Jesus called others to follow Him, and they said they would, but first let me _____.

† **Luke 9:59-62** *Then He said to another, "**Follow Me.**" But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "**Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.**" And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You,*

but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

When there is a big sale, are you desperate to get up early to make sure you don't miss out on what you want to get?

When a new movie is coming out that you have been waiting months for, are you desperate to be one of the first to go see it?

A new restaurant opens up that you hear others say how great it is, are you desperate to go try it out?

When a need comes up in church, are you desperate to throw a few extra buck in the offering plate thinking you have done your part?

Maybe the Lord doesn't want your money this time, but rather you. After all, didn't you pray "***Here am I! Send me.***" God may be saying to some of you, I will send you, but first, send your wallet back to your pocket or purse, because I want to send you, not your money.

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