



**APOSTLE** (Jones Ancient Greek Lexicon):

An apostle, in its literal sense, is an emissary. The word is derived from Ancient Greek *apóstolos*, literally "one who is sent off", itself derived from the verb *apostélein*, "to send off". The purpose of such sending off is usually to convey a message. Other common translations include ambassador.

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<sup>20</sup>So we are Christ's **ambassadors**; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

**2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)**

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**When God calls us to missions, it is to one of the following:**

1. Place
2. People
3. Purpose

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**What is the greatest GO?**

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<sup>15</sup>And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. <sup>16</sup>Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

**Mark 16:15-16 (NLT)**

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**VIDEO — State of Missions**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrHC7hXNoV8>

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**How did God know Joseph would go?**

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**Past behavior is often a predictor of future behavior.**

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**Conviction and discipline to follow through precisely as the Lord instructs (Matthew 2:14-15)**

**Matthew 2:14-15** So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

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<sup>27</sup>I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NLT)

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Paying attention-to-detail demonstrates that the small things matter.



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Adversity and risk is the price paid for obedience to God

**Matthew 2:16** When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

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There are real dangers and risks to **BIBLICALLY** following Christ.

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## The challenge of sending/going

**Radical — David Platt**  
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### 3 ways to be sent in mission:

1. God invite someone to go (Isaiah 6)
2. Make our desires known to God (Romans 15)
3. God compels us to go (Jonah 1:1-2; Acts 10:19-20; Great Commission)

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