



## News and Prayer Letter 19 February 2018

### Follow me...

This week we are covering "*go make disciples*" in the 4 Bible scriptures:

"Therefore, **go** and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Teach** these new **disciples** to **obey** all the **commands I have given you**. And be sure of this: **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

Let's look at the highlighted areas:

**Go** – setting in motion;  
**all the nations** - no exceptions;  
**disciples** - followers regardless from which church or denomination;  
**Teach... to obey** all the **commands I have given you** – very clear instruction  
And the promise - **I am with you always...**

- You must love God, the Trinity - Matt 22:37
- Love thy neighbour - Matt 22:39
- *Go make disciples* - Matt 28:19
- The power of the Holy Spirit - Acts 1:8

Before I can **go**, I need to be able to **follow**. The disciples followed Jesus diligently for three years. They learned from Him, asked questions and received strength when they received the Holy Spirit (more about this next week).

The first question I need to ask is: How good am I following Him, how well do I know His voice to be able to follow Him?

*"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*  
John 10:27 NLT

*"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."  
Luke 9:23 NLT*

Give up your own way? *"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God,*



*who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20*

This means total surrender!

The second question is simply: Am I executing the Great Command? Am I busy with discipling?

Apart from the fact that I should be teaching someone, **“teach these new disciples to obey all the commands...,”** (Operation Timothy), it must be a lifestyle.

Turn to your neighbour (as identified last week) and tell him as Paul did in 1 Cor 4:16-17 and 10:34: “Follow me, because I follow Jesus!”

**“And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.” 1**  
Corinthians 10:34 NLT

Go say this to:

- your wife, your children and family;
- your workers, colleagues, business partners and clients and
- your fellow CBMC members

Remember Jesus meant it as an invitation: *Follow Me!*

He also said He doesn't do anything without hearing from the Father first. Do you hear from the Father? Do you only share what you heard? Consider it prayerfully. Become quiet in order to hear. It is a very important instruction Jesus left His disciples with.

This flows from last week's Bible scripture to *love thy neighbour.*

Have a blessed week and remember the promise: **‘I am with you always...’**

*Frik Janse van Rensburg*

*“Follow me...”*



We are grateful and very excited for **45** CBMC leaders joining us this weekend at **Greyton** for the **Leaders Conference**. Please pray with us for the cleansing wind of the Holy Spirit to empty our minds to enable us to be open to the Lord's voice. Please pray for wisdom, understanding, discernment and objectiveness to be teachable and equipped for the task as Christians, disciple makers and CBMC'ers to spread the gospel. Please also pray for protection against the onslaught of Satan as we are planning for the year to come.

## Birthdays & Calendar:

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#### February

**20th:** Johan de Jager **21st:** Wayne Taylor **22nd:** Buks Harding, Danie Prins & Louis Smit **23rd:** Siebert Coetzee **24th:** Renier Senekal **25th:** Andrew Fourie, Charlou Jordaan & George van Breda

### CBMC Calendar:

- **CBMC Leaders Weekend, Western Cape, 23-25 February**
- **CBMC Leaders Conference, North, 10 March**
- **CBMC Outreach Plaaskombuis (with Warren Elliott), 29 March**
- **CBMC & Mighty Men Western Cape Golf Day, 6 April**
- **CBMC Outreach, Strand, 20 April**
- **CBMC World Convention Belfast, Ireland, 21-23 June.** Please go pre-register

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