



# TIME OUT DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Daily Words of Encouragement

FROM YOUR TNAZ PASTORAL LEADERS

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*Matthew 28:18-20*

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you to the end of the age."*

Easter morning has come and gone. All that remains is some leftover candy, a few colored eggs that got missed in the hunt, and the last of the lingering decorations. Holy week was a wonderful time with friends and family as we came together to be reminded of that last week Jesus spent on Earth. And Sunday... Well, it was great to celebrate as we were reminded that our Lord has risen. So now what?

In the different gospel accounts, as well as in the book of Acts, we see some interaction between Jesus and his disciples that followed the resurrection. But Matthew here seems to catch the simplified answer to the question of "So now what?" As followers of Jesus, we are now called to make more followers. As those who long ago witnessed the truth of Jesus Christ and his resurrection, were sent to spread the news, we now today are called to share that same message of hope. As followers of Jesus we are called to make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You see, we are continuing in the age stated by Jesus in verse 20, the church age. We, the church, are called to continue with this message until Jesus' return. And we, like the disciples then, can be reminded that Jesus will be with us, and He will go before us by the power of the Holy Spirit. While this past Sunday was the day we most celebrate the resurrection, may the truth of the resurrection be the motivation and heartbeat of our witness.

Blessings!

-Pastor Chris