



The Journey
Week of 10.25.09

A New Day: GO

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I am continually struck by the mandate Our Lord Jesus gave us in his command for us to go forth. 'Go', grammatically is what is known as a vocative command. It is a word that calls a person to action, or to be on the alert. This is a word and concept that is very familiar to me.

As a Marine I took several oaths of service: the Armed Service Oath of Enlistment was one of them. It says this:

"I, (NAME), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

It comes to my mind that the oath a serviceman follows is drafted by people. The oath of service we have to God is authored by his hand and our willingness to serve is motivated by our love for the One who has loved us first, always, and evermore. He will have various "marching orders" for us as we enter this new and uncharted territory he places before us. What captures my imagination and heart most is that our charge is one of joy and celebration as we unfurl the flag of the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings!

May we GO and SERVE him, each other, and the lost with love, joy, peace, and hope!

"In the Kingdom of God, service is not a stepping-stone to nobility: it is nobility, the only kind of nobility that is recognized."

~ T. W. Manson

(You are encouraged to use the SOAP – Scripture, Observation, Application and Prayer Method for a guide. Example available at <http://www.heartlandchurch.org/index.php/grow/journey>. Page numbers refer to "The Story of God" Bible available for free at the Grow Space.)

monday, 10.26.09

Read: [Matthew 20:20-28](#) (pg. 674)

tuesday, 10.27.09

Read: [Judges 6:11-16](#) (pg. 166)

wednesday, 10.28.09

Read: [Matthew 16:24-27](#) (pg. 671)

thursday, 10.29.09

Read: [Luke 22:24-27](#) (pg. 722)

friday, 10.30.09

Read: [John 17:20-26](#) (pg. 741)

Additional Resources:

- **Sunday's Sermon:** Click [here](#) for podcast, or here for [video](#)
- **Sign up to serve:** email Lisa Zulke by clicking [here](#)
- **Sign up to grow in a small group:** email Britton Gregory by clicking [here](#)
- To print out your own invitation card for 11.1, click [here](#)
- **LEADERS' CHALLENGE 42** — download your “above and beyond” gospel reading [here](#)
- [*Managing Transitions*](#), by William Bridges — helpful book for leaders especially!

Small Group/ 1:1 Question Samplers:

1. What is your reaction to Jesus statement that, “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve?” Does it inspire, humble, or discourage you? Why?
2. What doubts or questions would you like to express to God as Gideon did? How is God telling you to “go in the strength you have?” What strength(s) do you have?
3. Who is someone for whom you can pray as Jesus did, that they will believe the message of the gospel? How can you help get the message to them?