

FIRM FOUNDATION

UNSHAKABLE TRUTHS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

#7 The Mission: God Sends

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF TO MEN IN EVERY WAY

1. **Firm Foundation : The Book: God Speaks** - God Reveals himself **SPECIFICALLY THROUGH HIS WORD**
2. **Firm Foundation : Beautiful Design: God Makes** - God Reveals himself **GENERALLY THROUGH HIS CREATION**
3. **Firm Foundation : The Trinity: God Exists** - God Reveals himself **THROUGH WHO HE IS**
4. **Firm Foundation : The Fall: Humanity Rebels** - God Reveals himself **THROUGH HIS GRACE**
5. **Firm Foundation : Covenant: God's Promises** - God Reveals himself **THROUGH HIS STEADFAST PURPOSES**
6. **Firm Foundation : Does God Even Care** - God Reveals himself **THROUGH HIS COMPASSION**

Firm Foundation: The Mission: God Sends God Reveals himself **THROUGH HIS CHURCH**

JESUS SENDS HIS WITNESSES INTO THE WORLD

Matthew 28:16-20 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 1:3-9 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my

witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

WHAT'S MY MOTIVATION?

Matthew 28:1-10 Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

"If Jesus rose from the dead then nothing else matters. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead then nothing else matters"

- The **POWER** of Jesus who is alive
- The **PATIENCE** of Jesus who is alive
- The **PURPOSE** of Jesus who is alive

Do you really believe that Jesus is alive? How have you been changed by him?

Where is Jesus sending you?

Are you willing to go?

BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Acts 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Acts 27 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Acts 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Acts 28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Acts 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Psalm 73 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Acts 26 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Psalm 74 |

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