

# Occupy Until I Come

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*Reasons and vision for why we do what we do.*

- **Luke 19:11-27**

**11** Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. **12** Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. **13** So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas,[a] and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' **14** But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this *man* to reign over us.' **15** "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. **16** Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' **17** And he said to him, 'Well *done*, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' **18** And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' **19** Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' **20** "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. **21** For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' **22** And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, *you* wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. **23** Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' **24** "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give *it* to him who has ten minas.' **25** (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') **26** 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. **27** But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay *them* before me.'"

## What it takes to occupy

*Every follower of Jesus has what it takes to occupy until Jesus comes*

- **Peter 1:2-3**

**2** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **3** as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

- divine power, all things, life and godliness

- **Acts 1:8**

**8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me[a] in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- power, Holy Spirit upon, witness, Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria...

- **Luke 10:19**

**19** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

- authority to trample, over all the power of the enemy

- **Ephesians 1:3**

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

- blessed with every spiritual blessing

**His divine power has given to us all things pertaining to life and godliness,  
power to be witness, power over the enemy,  
blessed with every spiritual blessing...  
time to start appropriating and acting!**

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## **Commanded to occupy**

*Every follower of Jesus has been **commanded to occupy** until Jesus comes*

- **Matthew 28:18-19**

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore[a] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

- all authority, go therefore, make disciples all nations...

- **John 15:8**

**8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

- Father glorified, bear much fruit, be My disciples—**NO FEAR!**

- **2 Timothy 1:7**

**7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

- no spirit of fear, power, love, sound mind- **Ancient War Cry!**

- **Joshua 1:9**

**39** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

- commanded, strong, courageous, no fear, God with you

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## **Judged and rewarded**

*Every follower of Jesus will be **judged and rewarded** based on their occupying*

- **1 Corinthians 3:11-16**

**11** For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. **12** Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, **13** each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is. **14** If anyone’s work which he has built on *it* endures, he will receive a reward. **15** If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

- build on foundation, work becomes clear, tested by fire;work endures—receives reward, temple of God, Spirit of God in you!

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## **Some places we’re occupying**

Israel, India, South Sudan, Mexico, DR, Haiti // Reaching Muslims, Arise Hope // Disaster Relief, Hope Force // Room in the Inn // Grace Christian Academy, Children's and Youth Ministry // Grace Chapel Knoxville, Pastor Jake and Amy, few other families // Persecuted Church...

**WE MUST GET SERIOUS ABOUT OUR CALLING**

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## Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean “to occupy”?
2. Luke 10:19 says that we have authority to trample over all the power of the enemy—how do we do that?
3. What would it take for you to become as passionate about advancing Christianity—as the committed Muslim is about advancing Islam.
4. What part of your personal work do you believe will withstand the fire on judgment day? What part will be burned?
5. Do you feel a personal calling for any of the mission fields mentioned above? Or is the one you are passionate about not listed? How can you activate your calling?

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