



Eyewitness News #5: "The Mission Still Stands"

May 17 & 18, 2025

Matthew 28:16-20

Opener:

If you could drop everything and travel anywhere for 24 hours, where would you go?

Go Deeper:

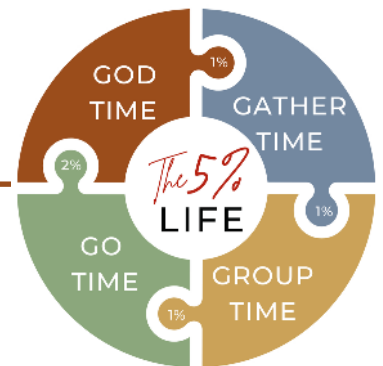
1. Read verse 16. What strikes you about the disciples' obedience in simply "going to the mountain"? How might that small step have set the stage for everything that follows?
 2. Read verse 17. Why do you think Matthew includes the line "but some doubted"? How does this honest detail encourage you—or challenge you?
 3. Compare verses 17-18. What does Jesus not say to those who doubted? How does His response reveal His heart for imperfect followers?
 4. Jesus anchors the Great Commission in His authority (v. 18). How does knowing Christ's authority in heaven and on earth shape the way we read the commands that come next?
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Live It:

1. Without "fixing" anything, share one area where faith and doubt wrestle in your life.
2. Recall a time when you sensed Christ's presence during a hard season. What helped you notice Him? How might that memory fuel obedience now?
3. Pastor Brian reminded us that God often sends us in the middle of our uncertainty. What is one small, concrete act of obedience you sense the Spirit nudging you toward this week?
4. *Victory Forward* (local) as well as *Orchard: Africa* (global) reminds us the Great Commission is bigger than Mesa. What is one practical way you could pray, give, or go that stretches you beyond your comfort zone?



GOD TIME:



Daily Bible Readings (May 18-24)

Sun:	Acts 15:1-18	The First Church Council
Mon:	Acts 13:1-12	Paul & Barnabas Commissioned
Tues:	Acts 14:8-20	Reception of Paul and Barnabas
Wed:	Acts 15:22-35	The Council's Letter
Thurs:	Acts 16:11-15	The Conversion of Lydia
Fri:	Acts 17:16-31	Paul in Athens
Sat:	Acts 22:6-21	Paul Sent to the Gentiles

*The readings selected come from the Narrative Lectionary calendar.