



**Message Brief**  
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Selections based on Psalm 8

...when I think of the heavens and what you have created, what are we mere mortals that you would think about them?...

...you have made them just a little lower than the angels, and crowned them with honor and glory...

...and have put us in charge of taking care of what you have created...

...oh Lord, our Lord, how amazing you and your reputation are in all of creation!!!

Matthew 28

16-17 Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about worship, about risking themselves totally.

18-20 Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

The way that God loves us is so amazing!

The Psalmist sings of this in the lyrics of the 8th Psalm. Sings of the wonder of all creation's beauty, and the wonder that the creator of all this keeps we mortals in mind. And the Lord of all gave us the job of caring for all of this.

In light of God's love for us all, and our mutual responsibility of caring for each other and all creation, enter Jesus' final instructions:

Go and bring all my children into the conscious knowledge and service of my kingdom-make them disciples. Baptize them-initiate them into the family of my saving.

It's also amazing that Jesus did this commissioning to a group that had mixed emotions on whether this thing was worth giving it their all!!!

So, knowing this, Jesus added this:

Just remember, I got your back. I'm with you. I'll never let you go!!!

So, what does this have to do with today's chaotic world?

Everything.

Realizing God's plan for us to be a family includes more than an invite to "others". It's the realization that we are responsible for the love, care and protection of the whole family.

Whether it's caring enough about each other's health to do our part to keep them from contracting a deadly virus or caring about the fair and just treatment of every family member, it's all our business.

It's our privilege purchased by our creator, savior, and helper.

In Genesis, the Lord spoke, and the world went from chaos into beautiful order. Today, as we speak and act upon our call to care for this world, this chaos CAN come into order.

Lord, use our lives, our words, our actions, all that we are, to bring your desire, your order, your family together, according to your Holy plan.

Lord let it be in me, and all your family,

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