



# HERE AM I SEND ME



## “A Bondservant of Jesus Christ”

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Text: Acts 21-26

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles.” The joyous, celebratory, and successful mission trips of Paul are coming to an end in the book of Acts. Paul is thrown into prison, but he used that experience to bless others. He wrote letters, he encouraged the brethren, and he never stopped preaching the gospel. When he spoke of these things he often called himself a bondservant of Jesus Christ (**Romans 1:1, II Corinthians 4:5, Galatians 1:10, Ephesians 6:6, Philippians 1:1, Titus 1:1**). I find it interesting that other ministers called themselves bondservants in the first century. Men like Epaphras (**Colossians 4:12**), James (**James 1:1**), Peter (**II Peter 1:1**), and Jude (**Jude 1:1**). What do you need to do to become a bondservant of Jesus? Let’s study together....

### Discussion:

- I. *To Be A Bondservant You Have To Give Up!*  
Matthew 19:29-30, II Corinthians 5:17, I Timothy 6:1
  
- II. *To Be A Bondservant You Have To Sell Out!*  
Mark 12:30, Luke 9:23-25, Titus 2:9
  
- III. *To Be A Bondservant You Have To Rewrite History!*  
Jeremiah 1:5, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8
  
- IV. *To Be A Bondservant You Have To Prepare For Battle!*  
Ephesians 6:10-11, Colossians 3:22, I Peter 5:8-9
  
- V. *To Be A Bondservant You Have To Commit to the Journey!*  
Matthew 28:18-20, I Corinthians 15:57-58, Revelation 2:10

Conclusion: We should be willing to serve. Are you a bondservant of Jesus Christ? If not, are you willing to place your faith in Jesus (**John 3:16, Hebrews 11:6**), confess your faith before men (**Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:9-10**), repent of your sins (**Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38, 17:30**), and have your sins washed away by being immersed for the forgiveness of your sins (**Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16, I Peter 3:21**), and the serve Christ (**Romans 6:3-7, 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:11-16**)? A true bondservant has a “Here Am I, Send Me” attitude. Do you?