



I CAN DO THE SAME THINGS JESUS DID!

Jesus spoke a scandalous truth about our walk with God that would sound proud and delusional if he hadn't said it himself. Shortly before his crucifixion, he told his disciples that they — we — would do the *same things* that he did! Note that he didn't say we would do things “sort of similar” to the works he did. He said we would **do** what he did. Even a short study through the Gospel of John is enough to make your jaw drop because 21 times, his reference to his “works” point directly to God's authority upon him to preach the Kingdom, heal the sick and set the captives free. He said that we would do such “works” and even *greater* through the Holy Spirit's presence in us!

And just as he promised, when Jesus ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit came upon us in power to walk with God and to bring restoration to man from their Father in heaven! As you walk with the Holy Spirit, you can hear from God. As you go where he leads, you can see captives set free and miracles happen. As you obey, you can pray for the sick and see people healed. You don't have to understand it or be an “expert.” You simply need to receive it as you grow in your understanding of all he has already given you!

“Very truly I tell you, *whoever* believes in me *will do the works* I have been doing, and they will do *even greater things* than these because I am going to the Father!” John 14:12 – Emphasis added.

“Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and *gave them authority* to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness” Matthew 10:1 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *Be honest. Is there anything holding you back from embracing Jesus' statement in John 14:12? What is it?*
2. *Are there any practical ways you sense God calling you off the sidelines to be more intentional and “hands-on” about doing the works Jesus did? What are they? Check any that apply.*
 - Taking more initiative to pray for people's needs in faith*
 - Being alert to see opportunities to share God's love*
 - Spending more time asking the Holy Spirit to speak to me about others*
 - Learning more about the authority I have*
 - Addressing a specific question/barrier to walking as a disciple-maker*
 - Entering a more intentional mentoring relationship with someone to better understand walking in my authority*
 - Other* _____

3. Now, think about some longer-range dreams upon your heart — one, five or 10 years down the road. What do you feel God stirring in you to release for his Kingdom? What is he calling you to today in order to prepare yourself toward those goals?

PRAYER:

Jesus, thank you for allowing me to do the same things that you do! I believe that you want to overflow out of me to others. I don't want to bypass any opportunities. Please prompt my heart where, when and how to proclaim your truth, pray for the sick and set the captives free. I am ready to do the work of a disciple. I receive what you say that I can do! I am a disciple, and the supernatural flows through me!

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Talk about what it means to be a disciple. Ask, “Is a disciple different than a Christian? What does it mean to make disciples? Can you make disciples if you aren’t a disciple yourself?” Ask God to release this work in your family.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Go on social media and ask, “How can I pray for you?” Then, let your friends know that you are praying.