Mark 6:8 – Understanding God’s Provision for His Servants

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1. Context of the Passage

In *Mark 6:7–8 (NIV)*, we read:

> “Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. These were his instructions: ‘Take nothing for the journey except a staff no bread, no bag, no money in your belts.’”

Jesus was sending His disciples out on a mission for the first time. This was both a practical exercise in ministry and a spiritual lesson in dependence on God.

The term “money in your belts” refers to small pouches or leather bags tied around the waist where people kept their coins. It was a normal means of carrying money, like a wallet or purse today.

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2. Why Did Jesus Instruct Them Not to Carry Money or Supplies?

At first glance, it might seem that Jesus was dismissing the importance of financial resources in ministry. But that’s not the case.

Jesus was not rejecting the idea that the gospel requires support Scripture consistently affirms the need for material resources in ministry (*1 Corinthians 9:13–14, Philippians 4:15–17*). Rather, He was teaching the disciples a foundational truth:

> *Ministry begins with faith, not resources.*

Their mission was not to be hindered by a lack of preparation or wealth. Jesus wanted them to learn that obedience and trust in God’s provision come first.

This is echoed in *Luke 22:35 (ESV)*, when Jesus reflects back on this moment:

> “And he said to them, ‘When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?’ They said,

> ‘Nothing.’”

This shows that God’s provision met them *as they went*, not before they started.

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3. What This Means for Us Today

Many people feel a strong desire to serve God but hesitate because they feel underqualified, underfunded, or unprepared. Jesus’ instruction reminds us that:

- We don’t need to wait until we “have enough” to begin serving.
- God often provides along the journey, not before it starts.
- Our dependence should be on God’s faithfulness, not human preparation alone.

As Paul writes in *2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)*:

> “And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

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4. A Balanced View: Faith and Wisdom

While Jesus emphasized radical trust, He also endorsed planning and wise stewardship in other settings (*Luke 14:28–30*). So, His instruction in Mark 6 was not a universal principle for every situation, but a targeted lesson in trust.

The key is this: Faith is the foundation. Provision follows purpose.

Conclusion

Jesus taught His disciples and teaches us that the work of God does not depend on what we have, but on *who* we trust. When God calls, He provides. Our part is to step out in obedience and

faith.

Shalom.

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