

# The Jesus Call To Greatness

## Mark 3: 13-19

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## Verse 13

**Pray before you decide**

Jesus prayed before He decided on the 12 – Luke 6: 12-13

Jesus is seeking the Father's will in the 12 that are chosen;  
*Jesus gets alone with the Father*

Jesus had many disciples to choose from; recall He sent 70 out in Luke 10: 1

Folks, it is simple! PRAY before you decide!

In prayer, we are seeking God's will, *not my will!*

## Verse 14

**Appointed to preach**

**What message were they preaching?**

*Jesus' message – repent, the kingdom of God is at hand - Mark 1: 15*

**This is an offer of the kingdom to the Jewish people**

They were appointed *“that they might be with Him”*

**Those who are with Him, in relationship with Him, are going to be prepared to be sent out**

There is preparation before sending; a disciple is one prepared by the Master to be sent out

**Disciple** = a learner, one who tries to emulate, be like the Teacher

## KEY POINT:

I believe Jesus is calling every believer!

**There are no exceptions, no waivers, to be His disciple**

Discipleship always includes training, teaching, and learning, resulting in a person **CHANGING!**

## Verse 15

**Disciples are empowered for service**

**The 12 received power and authority (*exousia*), delegated power and authority from Jesus**

Many, today, believe that Christians have the same authority as the apostles; they site **John 14: 12**

**Recall: The reason Jesus came was to preach; *the disciple's primary calling was to preach to the lost***

**I believe, in context, Jesus is telling the disciples He is going away, and they are commissioned to take up His mantle and do the main work that He came to do – *preach and lead people to the Messiah!***

The ability to witness to the world is the greater work I believe Jesus is referencing in **John 14: 12**

The disciples were empowered for service by the Holy Spirit's power, *so are you!*

**GOD'S PROMISE:** Whatever God has called you to do, He will empower you to complete your mission

What gets God's attention?

*Faithfulness*

I believe the applause of heaven awaits the *FAITHFUL!*

*FAITHFUL* to God no matter what life throws at them!

This is *GREAT* in the eyes of God!

**Verse 16 - 19**

**Jesus calls the 12 to greatness**

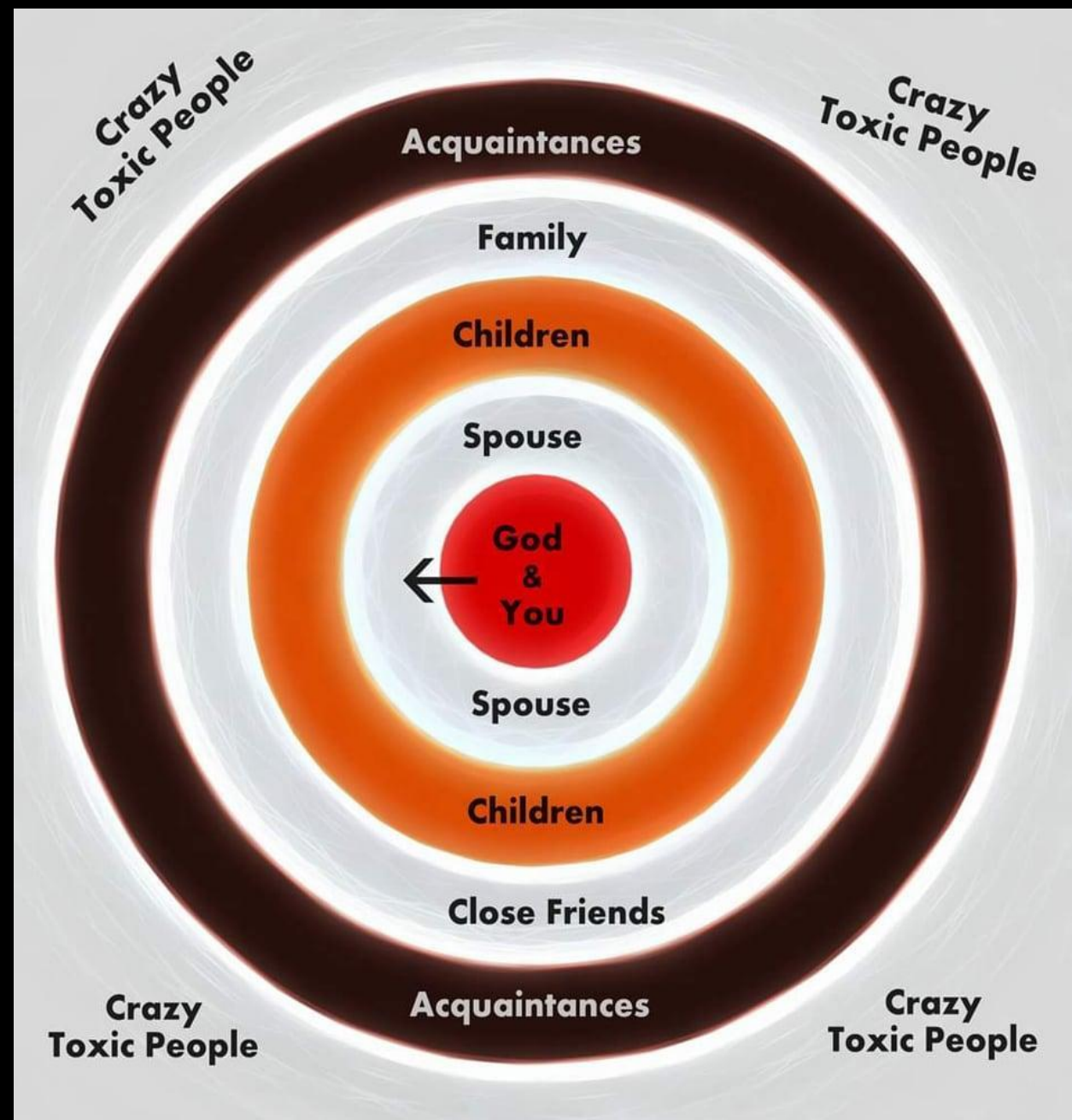
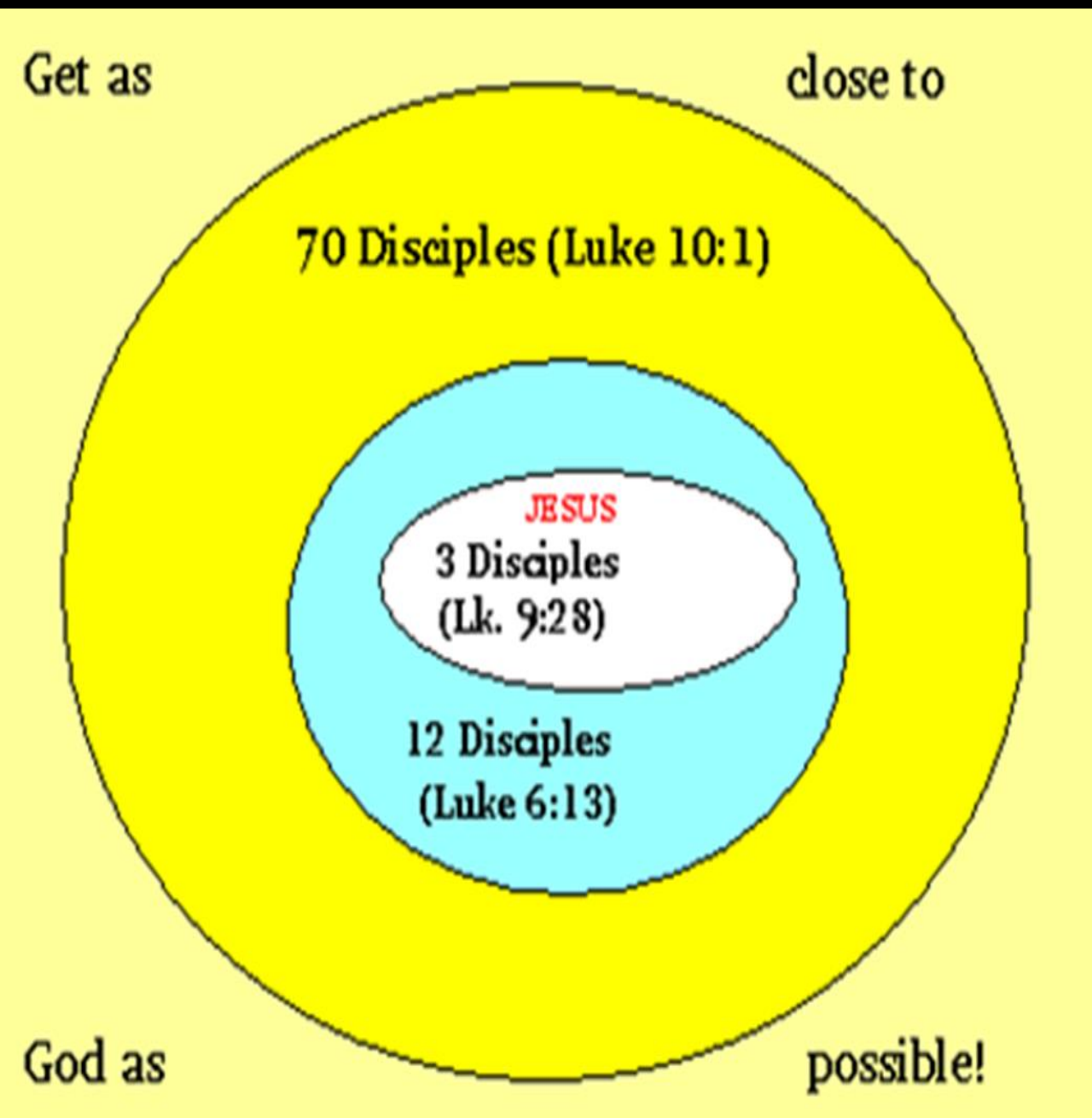
**Of the 12, Jesus had an inner circle – *Peter, James and John***

**These disciples were closest to Him, chosen to witness unique events**

**What made these guys special? Did Jesus love them more than the others?**

***NO!***

***They may have possessed leadership skills that the others did not possess***



**How could these guys be great? How can any of us be great for God?**

*The same Holy Spirit power they had is available to you to finish your race, whatever it may be!*

**Finishing your race faithful, *no matter what*, is greatness in the eyes of God!**

**CLOSING THOUGHTS: GREATNESS!**

**Jesus is true GREATNESS!**

**We remember His life of GREATNESS, His sacrifice!**

**We remember His ascension into heaven and the GREAT promise associated with that event – Acts 1: 9-11**

**GREATNESS is coming back for us – John 14: 1-3**

**How GREAT is Jesus! THE GREATEST!!**

**THIS RESURRECTION SEASON,**

**may we focus on . . . . .**

**HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD!!**