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Mark 10:45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.



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The Work of Ministry Involves:

- Vilification
- Rejection
- Stupefaction



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Mark 3:14 And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,

God uses the spiritual growth process to prepare us for the ministry.



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Component 1: The Apostles were SUMMONED.

Mark 1:17 And Jesus said unto them,
Come ye after me, and I will make you
to become fishers of men.



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Exo 17:8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. **9** And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. **10** So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

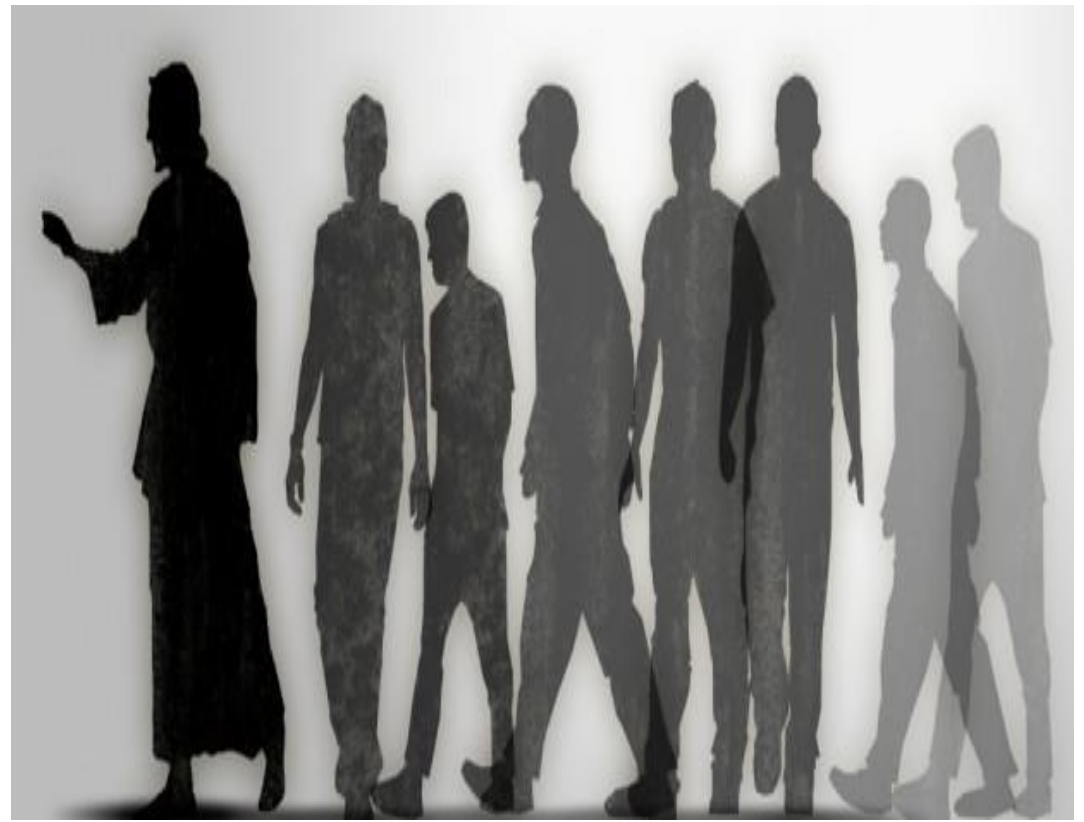


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Exo 24:13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

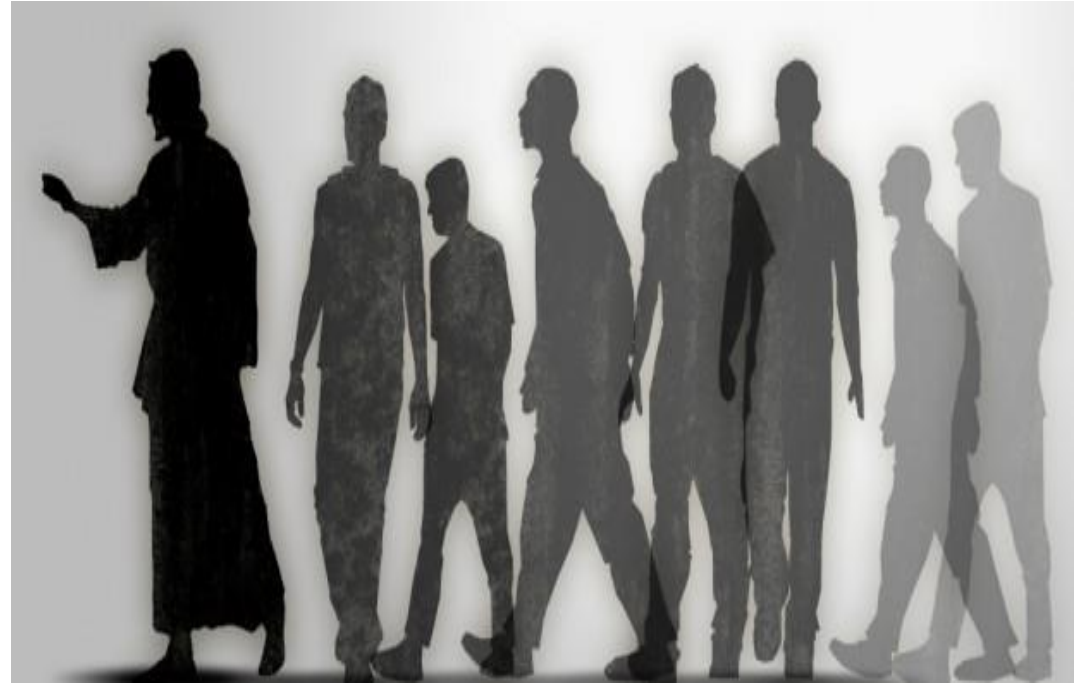
Exo.19:12 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death:



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Exo 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.



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Jos 1:1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, **2** Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.



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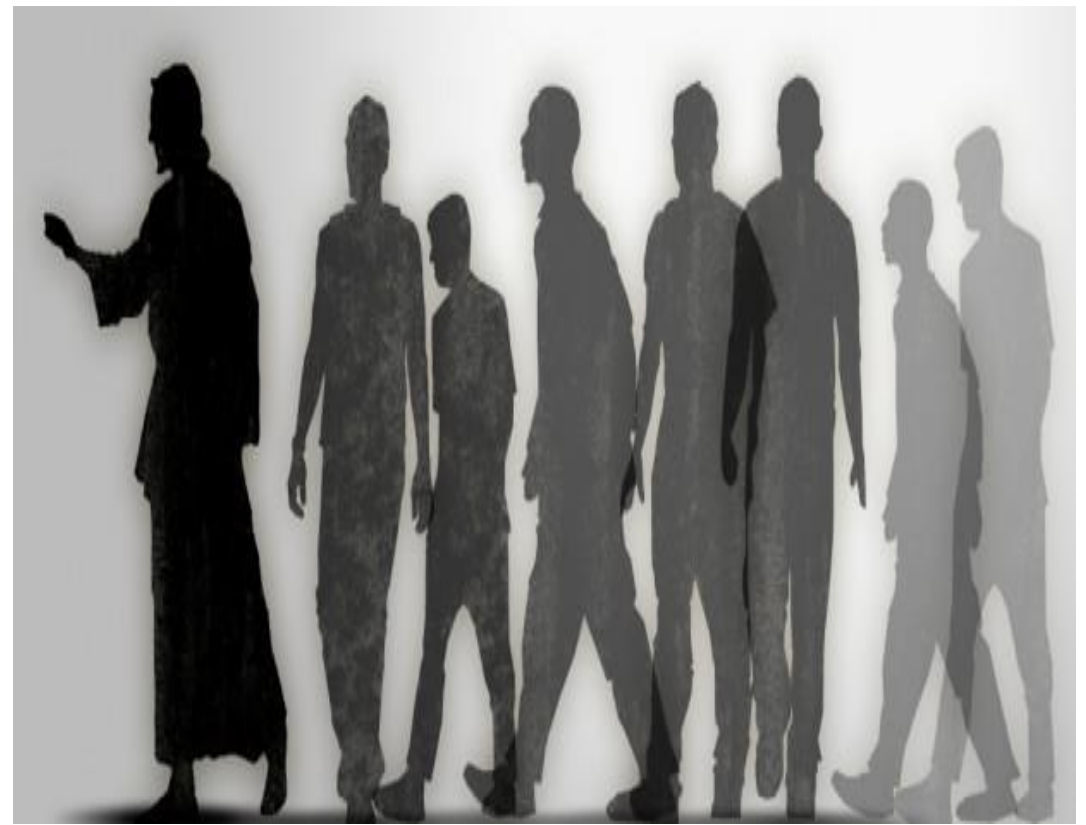
Component 2: The Apostles were
SENT.



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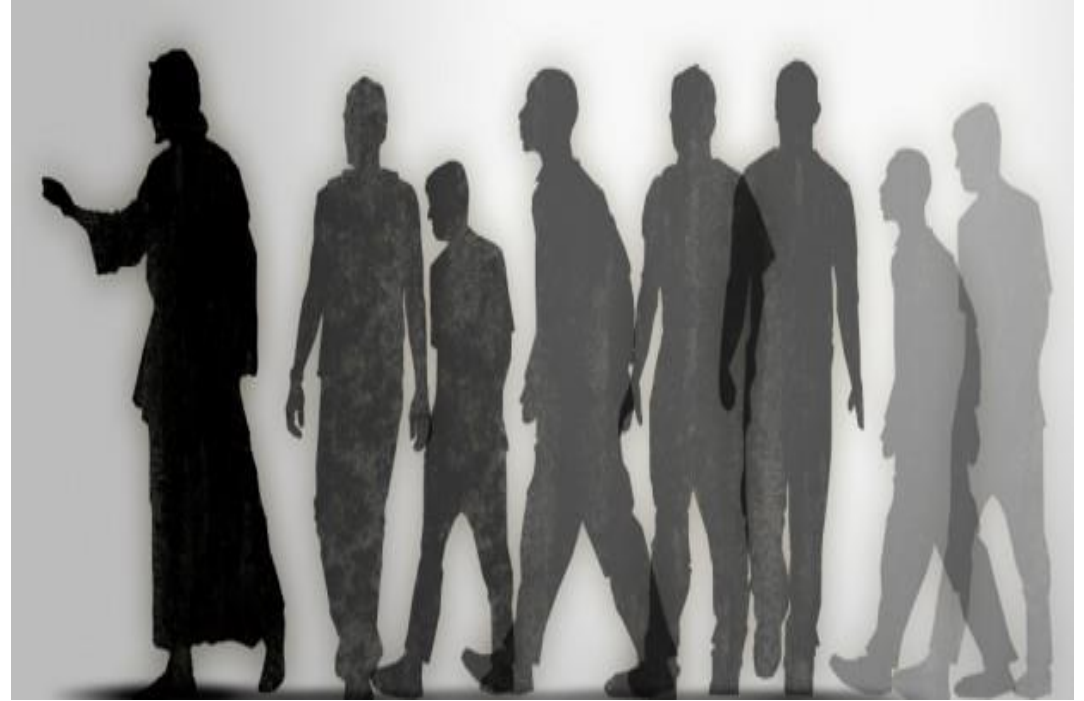
Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. **3** And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. **4** So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.



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With God, there is no spiritual progress without spiritual submission.



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“The principle of Satan is the principle of self-exaltation. Sin’s coming into being was not the cause of Satan’s fall. Rather, Satan’s rebellion against God’s authority, for which he was condemned by God, subsequently gave rise to sin. Hence, if we want to serve God, we can never violate the matter of authority. To do so is to follow the principle of Satan. We can never preach the word of Christ under the principle of Satan. There is a possibility in God’s work that we can stand in principle on Satan’s side, while we stand in doctrine on Christ’s side. All the while, we may think that we are still doing the Lord’s work. This is a very evil thing.”



1 Sam. 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

Rebellion is satanic.



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1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; **13** And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.



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