

Your Bucket List Part 3

☒ Directed by the Commander-in-Chief, the Officers (the Twelve) trained the troops such that they were equipped to conquer *“Go to [eth_color color=“tomato”]the people of all nations[/eth_color] and make them my disciples!”* (Matthew 28:18-20) Under this order they conquered the Roman Empire in one century! No hi-tech buildings, no mass media, no Facebook or Twitter, no print medal, no television or radio, no clergy, and no Bibles. Truthfully, they had **NOTHING BUT** passion for Jesus’ marching orders, led by the Holy Spirit.

Sadly, the only place this is happening today is 3rd world countries, principally Africa. *“In the twentieth century, Christianity in Africa exploded from an estimated population of eight or nine million in 1900 (8 to 9%) to some 335 million in 2000 (45%), marking a shift in the “center of gravity of Christianity” from the West to Africa.”* (The Explosion of Christianity in Africa)

In the 16th century a revival happened in Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands, my ancestral homeland. However, today the church in Europe is on *life support*. Many factors account for the decline, chief of which is the extinguishing of the fire for Jesus’ passion, **the lost**. Consequently, the landscape of Europe is peppered with empty cathedrals! **Note this well!** In every cultural aspect America has historically followed Europe. At this point, only revival will save us! And, the heart of that revival will be Jesus’ last order: **“Make disciples!”** Did he not plainly tell us this?



*By this time a lot of men and women of **doubtful reputation** were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were **not pleased, not at all pleased**. They **growled**, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them,*

*treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story. ‘Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t’ you **leave the ninety-nine** in the wilderness and go after **the lost one** until you found it? Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.” (Luke 15:3-5)*

Without a doubt these words are targeted at us “*in no need of rescue.*” They ought to impact our hearts like a giant meteor from outer space!

