

# GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH STUFF: IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING!

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MATTHEW 28:16–20; ACTS 1:1–8



### The Heart of the Matter

How often we overlook the human impossibility of the Great Commission! Stop and consider. At His ascension, Jesus passed the torch to a handful of frightened and incompetent men. Just over a month earlier, they had all forsaken the Master. He addressed His parting words to this same group of men: “Go therefore and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19). They were to continue the work He had begun. With that great challenge in mind, we will discover how the church got started with such power, efficiency, and success.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. The Inescapable Fact of Human Inadequacy

If there is one thing we all have to admit as human beings, it's that we're *only* human. Capable in some ways though inadequate in most, our resources are simply not sufficient for the responsibilities and requirements of life. If we hope to be God's voice and hands to the world, we must depend on His assistance.

#### 2. The Unparalleled Challenge of Jesus's Commission (Matthew 28:16–20)

A band of confused and doubting disciples received a command and a promise from an all-powerful Lord.

#### 3. The Unique Transition of Divine Authority (Acts 1:1–8)

Jesus promised power from the Holy Spirit as He left, providing the disciples with hope as they remained.

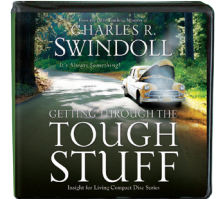


### Starting Your Journey

Are we willing to meet Christ at the crossroad of inadequacy? Only after we admit our inadequacies can we claim Christ's power to live above the hindrances of humanity.



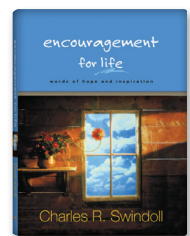
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