“The God Who Sends”

1 John 4:7-9
Sent For Bread ...
1 John 4:9

“By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.”

“Live” = “zoe,” not “bios” – eternal abundant life! LIFE THAT LOVES, THE PLATFORM FOR MISSIONS!
God is in the Business of Sending People

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world...”

God “loves” – cares about brokenness

God “sees” – all things (Heb. 4:13)

God “acts” – “the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials”

(2 Peter 2:9)
Abraham = Obeyed in Faith
When Sent (Genesis 12)

“Go forth from your country...to the land I will show you...” (Genesis 12:1).

Age: 75

Abraham responded in faith; left comfort. Sent to pioneer a blessing for humanity! i.e. others benefited from his obedience!

“Going” always has an element of faith.
Moses – “Who Am I?”

Exodus 3:7 – “I have surely seen the affliction of My people…”
Exodus 3:10 – “Therefore…I will send you to Pharaoh…so you may bring my people out of Egypt.” (sent to alleviate affliction)
Exodus 3:11 – “Who am I?” Age: 80

Who then, am I, that I should reach out in Jesus’ Name in our community?
Jonah Didn’t Even **Want** to Go!

“Arise, go to Nineveh...” (Jonah 1:1).
“But Jonah rose up to flee...from the presence of the Lord” (1:3).
God intervened.
Jonah obeyed the Lord and preached (Jonah 3:4).
But was still angry (Jonah 3:10, 4:1).
Prophets Were Sent

“So wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt. Yet He sent prophets to them to bring them back to the LORD; though they testified against them, they would not listen”

(2 Chronicles 24:18b-19).

* Tell the truth; speak of God’s blessings/ways
* Tell consequences of disobedience
* Let the people choose
Now It’s Our Turn…

“So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."”

(John 20:21)

* Pastor Duncan O’Bryant Tinsawattee Church, moved with Cherokee to Arkansas, 1832, with FCBC assistance.”

* Fall of 1910, an emergency appeal to Flat Creek for $10 mission money; response = $82.80!
Chemistry of the Sending

Lordship of Jesus Christ – "For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14).

** Today – there are pockets of darkness

Annie Armstrong; Lottie Moon outreaches
(money to send vs. going!)

Hall County GA – “our Jerusalem” new homes!!!

Everybody oughta hear!