

# Rolling Up Our Sleeves

God has rolled up His sleeves. All the nations can see His holy, muscled arm. Everyone, from one end of the earth to the other, sees Him at work, doing His salvation work. Isaiah 52:10 MSG



Last month, Christians everywhere gathered to rejoice throughout the Easter Season. Surrounded by loved ones and our church family, some of us might have delighted in Easter plays or listened to moving reflections on the Seven Last Words. Many of us heard inspiring sermons and basked in heartfelt fellowship. Whether in solitude or in groups, we remembered Jesus' sacrifice and celebrated His resurrection, the wellspring of our hope and the promise of eternal life.

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." Matthew 28:18-19*

While our gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice is essential, building on the above command, we are called to look more deeply into the meaning of His resurrection. His purpose extends beyond granting us eternal life with the Father. Jesus calls us to action and commissions us, His followers, to go and make disciples.

This call to action requires our willingness to serve. The phrase "*rolling up your sleeves*" is a figurative expression of readiness, dedication to work, and commitment to a task. God bares His holy arm, ready to bring salvation to all who seek Him. We, His ambassadors, are called to roll up our sleeves and go, share, and teach God's life-changing message of salvation, godliness, and eternal life. When we reach out to others, our work extends beyond a new believer's conversion. It is a commitment to guide them from conversion to discipleship.

*Dear Father, thank You for equipping and including us in Your plan to lead others to You. We are grateful for the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, who empower us to nurture new disciples.*





Scriptures	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Matthew 28:18-20</b> <b>Acts 1:8</b>	Our Lord's conception of discipleship is not that we work for God, but that God works through us. <i>Oswald Chambers</i>					1 Give praise, for Jesus equips us to be His disciples.	2 Give praise for Jesus' authority to empower us.
	3 Pray for Jesus' strength and courage to fulfill His divine mission.	4 Give praise to the Holy Spirit, who helps us share God's good news effectively.	5 Through the Holy Spirit, may we recognize the impact we can have on others.	6 Pray that we remain faithful to God's word so we can witness effectively.	7 Pray that, as God does His work of salvation, we roll up our sleeves and do our given work.	8 Pray that we will walk alongside new believers.	9 Praise Jesus for His promise that He will be with us to the end.
<b>Colossians 4:5-6</b> <b>1 Peter 3:15</b>	10 Pray that we will walk in God's wisdom as we witness to others.	11 Pray that we may witness with gentleness and respect.	12 Pray that we will understand our beliefs and explain them clearly.	13 Pray that our speech and behavior will draw others to the truth of God's word.	14 Pray that we show patience and compassion when witnessing to others.	15 Pray that we will always be ready to give the reason for our faith in God.	16 Praise the Holy Spirit for granting us wisdom to speak to people from diverse backgrounds.
<b>1 Corinthians 3:5-6</b>	17 Pray that we recognize we are in partnership with other disciples.	18 Pray that we recognize God as the source of our spiritual growth.	19 Pray that we will be diligent in our task of leading others to God.	20 Pray that we plant seeds of God's truth in others' minds.	21 Pray that we will water the seeds planted in others with God's word.	22 Praise God for nurturing seeds, enabling individuals to grow in His time.	23 Give praise. We plant, we water, and God gives the increase.
<b>Psalm 71:17</b> <b>2 Timothy 3:14-15</b> <b>Luke 2:41-50</b>	24 Pray that we will be instrumental in discipling our youth to carry on Jesus' mission.	25 Pray that we will pour God's word into our children so they become future disciples.	26 Pray that there will be a desire to continue sharing God's word through our lives.	27 Pray that our youth will not succumb to peer pressure and will be willing to share God's word.	28 Praise Jesus for being the ultimate example for our youth.	29 Pray that our youth will desire to learn and to obey God's word.	30 Pray that we will realize that discipling occurs at all ages.
	31 Give praise. Jesus calls people from all walks of life to be His disciples.	Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that through you, others can see HIM. <i>C. S. Lewis</i>					