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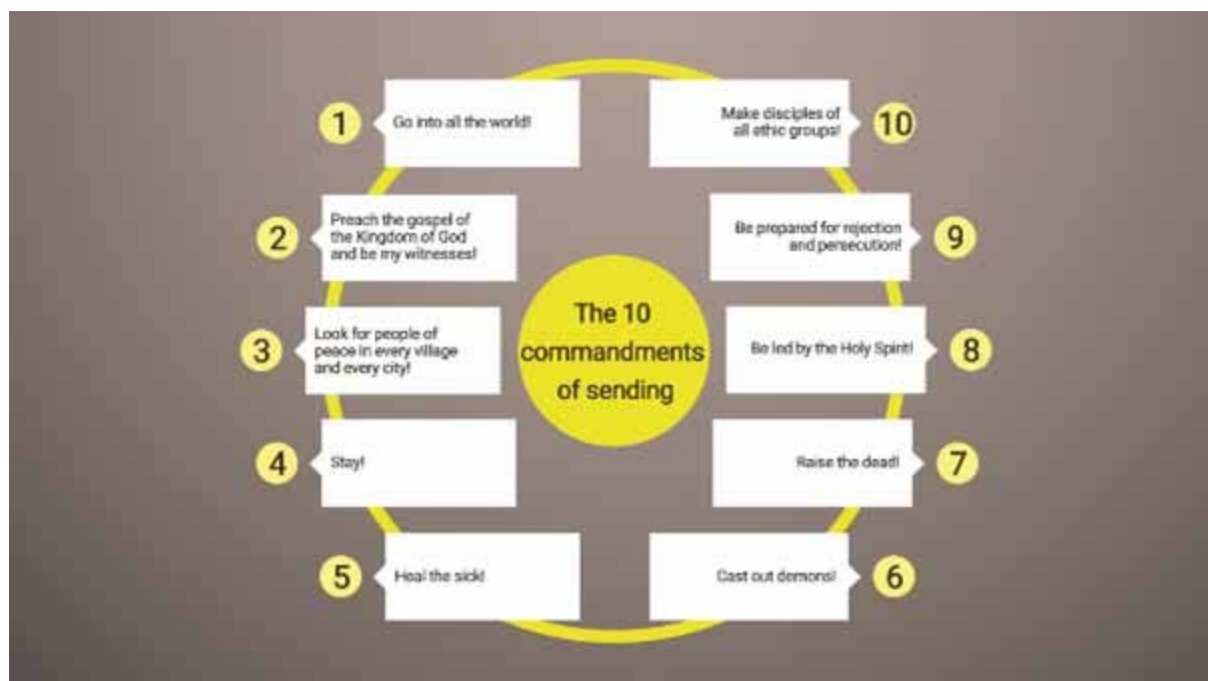
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7th Commandment of sending: Raise the dead!



Matthew 10:7-8

As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

This quotation from the Gospel of Matthew is an almost **2000-year-old command** to his 12 disciples. **Raising from the dead** at the end of that age is a **central content of the Kingdom of God** and of the **Christian faith**.

➔ Resurrection means that the soul enters an IMMORTAL spiritual body.

Each raising from the dead is a sign pointing towards the general and complete raising of the dead at the **second coming of Jesus**.

➔ Raising from the dead means: The soul and life returns into the old mortal body

The Gospels tell us that Jesus **healed many or even all people within a region**. BUT he **never raised all people who had recently died from the dead**. The Gospels tell us «only» about **three** people raised from the dead.

➔ The **raising from the dead** is such a **central truth and reality in the Kingdom of God**. The «**miraculous actions**» of **single people raised from the dead** already now in this **age of grace** we **now** live in as his disciples are **so important, that the Lord Jesus clearly instructed and commanded his disciples**: „**Raise the dead**“!

- Each raising from the dead is a **sign of the Kingdom of God**
- Each raising from the dead is a **visible action of the power of God**
- Each raising from the dead is a **sign for the general raising from the dead**
- Each raising from the dead is a **demonstration of God's Kingdom**
- But they are **rather rare** and because of that even more **precious signs** for his Kingdom

Throughout the entire Bible, only **seven «normal»** and **two «special»** raising from the **dead** are mentioned:

- **Two «normal» in the Old Testament**
- **Three** within the ministry of Jesus
- **One** in the ministry of Peter
- **One** in the ministry of Paul

Plus, some «special raisings from the dead»

Raisings from the dead in the Bible

1. Elijah raises the son of the widow from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24)

- Elijah is moved by compassion and anger
- Elijah takes a step of faith
- Elijah stretches out on the boy and prays

1 Kings 17:19-22

“Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?” Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the Lord, “Lord my God, let this boy’s life return to him!” The Lord heard Elijah’s cry, and the boy’s life returned to him, and he lived.

2. Elisha raises the son of the Schunemite from the dead (2 Kings 4:18-32)

- Schunemite mother had faith
- Elisha DIDN'T hear ANYTHING from God → Elisha had to act entirely by faith
- Elisha wanted a safe place (no pressure, room to hear God, to develop faith)
- Elisha prays
- An act of faith twice (he stretched out on the boy)

2 Kings 4:33-35

He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes.

3. Jesus raises the daughter of Jairus from the dead (Mark 5:22-43)

- Jairus' daughter is on her deathbed
- Jairus goes to Jesus
- Jairus hears about his daughter's death and UNBELIEF starts to rise
- Jesus rebukes the spirit of unbelief
- Even Jesus needed the right atmosphere (no cynicism, emotionality or mockery)
- He brings a small group of disciples (Peter, John, James) who also had faith with him
- Not a prayer but a command

Mark 5:41-42

He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

4. Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead (Luke 7:11-17)

- Public event
- Jesus touches the coffin and commands
- Moved by compassion

Luke 7:14

Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"

5. Jesus raises his friend Lazarus from the dead, who had already been dead for 4 days, (John 11:1-44)

- It's all to the honor and glory of God
- It's also about stirring the faith of his disciples
- Jesus is touched and cries together with Mary
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- As a reaction the Pharisees want to kill Jesus AND Lazarus

John 11:43-44

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

6. Peter raises the disciple Tabitha from the dead, resulting in a spiritual awakening (Acts 9:36-43)

Acts 9:40-42

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and **prayed**. **Turning toward the dead woman, he said**, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. **This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.**

➤ Peter prayed first, then gave a command.

7. Paul raises Eutychus from the dead, who had fallen to the ground from the 3rd floor, by stretching out over the dead body like Elijah and Elisha (Acts 20:9-12)

Acts 20:10-12

Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “He’s alive!” Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left. The people took the young man home alive and were greatly comforted.

Another two unusual examples of people raising from the dead in the Bible:

1) Raising of a dead person through the dead Elisha

(2 Kings 13:14-21)

Elisha died and was buried. Now Moabite raiders used to enter the country every spring. Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man’s body into Elisha’s tomb. When the body touched Elisha’s bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet.

2) Dead people raising from their graves through the death of Jesus on the cross

(Matthew 27:52-53)

The earth shook, the rocks split and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

→ Here we see a direct **correlation** between the resurrection of Jesus and the dead people raising from their graves! The Bible shows us further that there is an **appointed time** to die for us people.

Deuteronomy 31:14

The Lord said to Moses, “Now the day of your death is near. Call Joshua and present yourselves at the tent of meeting, where I will commission him.” So, Moses and Joshua came and presented themselves at the tent of meeting.

If death **reaches someone before his/her appointed time**, we can call people back into life:

→ among **the seven people who were raised from the dead throughout the Bible, 5 were children or youth**

Jesus, referring to the dead daughter of Jairus, says: “**She sleeps.**” Similarly, he talks about Lazarus, saying: “**Lazarus, our friend, sleeps** but I go to wake him up.”

→ Jesus doesn’t really mean that they are sleeping. **Sleep in the Old Testament is a synonym for death**

1 Corinthians 11:30

That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:51

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed

1 Thessalonians 5:10

He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

Conditions to raise the dead

- ➔ Understanding of the instruction, the authority and the power we received from Jesus to raise the dead
- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Faith

Practice of raising the dead

Command:

- Talita kum! – Girl, I tell you, get up!
- Young man, I tell you, get up!
- Lazarus, come out!
- Tabitha, get up!

Raising the dead is like a wakeup call!

Miraculous action:

- HE **went down and stretched out over him** and spoke (e.g. Elijah, Elisha, Paul)

Here are some recent examples of people who rose from the dead as an encouragement to go and raise people from the dead, in case **death reaches a person «too early » or when DEATH APPROACHES**.

Illustration 1

Bardan

The team in Eastern Nepal was in contact with a pastor and his wife in the USA. The pastor had a terrible car accident with 5-6 cars involved and died. His wife brought him to the hospital, where she made a call to Bardan and his team in Nepal. Immediately, Bardan felt the presence of God powerfully. When the wife told the team that her husband had died, Bardan heard an inner voice from God and Bardan declared aloud what he heard God speak to him that very moment: "Nothing happened, the pastor is ok." In that moment, the phone call was interrupted because the Holy Spirit's presence became very strong and the woman on the phone collapsed because of the anointing. The team in Nepal prayed for 15 minutes – a little later the pastor's wife called from the USA and shared enthusiastically that the doctor had just confirmed that her husband was totally "healed", meaning back from the dead, and now alive!



- ➔ **Remote healing, remote raising from the dead**

Illustration 2

Rajkumar, Khushal and Tutul



Rajkumar (l), Khushal (m) and Tutul (r) are pioneers in the province of Assam in North East India.

After the BESENT training, they went back into their region and shared the Gospel with a mother and her 16-year old daughter. The father had just died and the mother was by herself with three children. The 16-year old's name was Malaya and her two little siblings played outdoor that day. When a severe rain storm arose, Maya walked through a field to go and get her two siblings to bring them home. In the grass lay a great black cobra. She attacked and bit

Malaya's left leg, so all four poisoned tooth prints could be seen clearly. Before the poison could develop its full deadly potential, she made it back to her home. Then she began to lose consciousness. The mother called the pioneers to pray. After the prayer, the mother brought her to the hospital as fast as she could.

On the way to the hospital, Malaya lost consciousness and was almost dead. You could see the bite of the cobra clearly on the skin – but for the doctor it was absolutely inexplicable that the deadly poison of the cobra hadn't spread to the rest of her body but instead had remained at the same bite spot. Then they brought the dead daughter home. The three pioneers already thought about how to organize the funeral ceremony ... but first they prayed again, this time in the presence of the neighbors, the relatives and the family of Malaya. During prayer, Malaya came back to life and shared that she had seen Jesus and heard him commanding the poison not to spread to the rest of her body. He said he would bring her "new life". She was so thankful for her «new life» that she turned to Jesus and wanted to be baptized. Her mother and a brother of her mother wanted to be baptized as well. So a house of peace and a new Community of Faith evolved.

Before this miracle happened, the people in that village had been aggressive against Christians, persecuted them and troubled them a lot. But ever since that mighty and public miracle, everyone in the village honors Christians and treats them respectfully.

➔ **DEATH had already happened or was close**

Illustration 3

Jamal



Jamal's mother died one night in her bed. When they found her, she had already been dead for hours. The family gathered around the dead mother. When Jamal was with us at the training, the Lord woke him up at night and instructed him to call his mother back to life. After he had called her back, she came back to life. She shared that while Jamal was praying and "calling", Jesus came and put his hands on her heart and sent her back.

Illustration 4

Abdallah



Not long after Jamal had called his mother back, he found the police man Abdallah and led him to Jesus. Abdallah was Muslim and spiritually very oppressed and depressed. After he had repented and we had prayed for freedom, he went back into his village and to his family. Shortly after, Abdallah was invited to a wedding by a couple belonging to his remote relatives in another village. Right before the marriage ceremony, the aunt of the couple died in an adjoining room of the same house. The tradition among the ethnic group of the Oromos demands that if someone dies within the same house before the marriage ceremony, the marriage ceremony must be stopped and cancelled. Abdullah went into the room where the aunt was, sent the others out of the room and called the aunt back into life. She came back to life and was hungry.

Illustration 5 **Kume**



Kume is a trainee. She used to be a successful singer before. She turned away from Islam and started following Jesus. For the last training in the city of Dire, she helped us as a leader to train new students. After the morning teaching about healing and raising the dead, she went for an outreach with a group of women. They found a dramatic situation outside on the streets: A young woman was on her deathbed or was already dead, the ambulance was there and the woman was already on the stretcher. The mother cried out loud because she wanted to call her husband to tell him that his daughter was on her death bed, but the only person who had known the number was the dead daughter. The team calmed the mother and said that Jesus would restore her daughter. Then the team prayed for 30 minutes (they prayed, they didn't command) and suddenly the daughter opened her eyes. She opened her mouth and said her father's cell phone number. The mother was absolutely thrilled and invited the team to her home to hear more about Jesus.

Illustration 6 **Juri**



Juri is a trainee in the Northern Caucasus. When we taught in the training about:

Matthew 10:7-8

As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Juri spontaneously said: YES, THAT'S TRUE. I wanted to know what he meant and he told me his story: Juri was a merchant from Mahakschala, married and with two daughters. His mother was an occult medium. When he was around 40 years old, his business collapsed. Suffering from depression, Juri left his family and moved around the country as a criminal with no money and no home. In his desperation, he decided to go and commit suicide by jumping off a cliff into the sea. When he had climbed the cliff and wanted to jump off it into the sea, the "cliff turned into a demon who said: "You belong to me!" Shocked from that appearance, Juri decided not to commit suicide and went back to join his family. In the meantime, his wife and both his daughters had never made a real decision for Jesus but regularly attended a church. So Juri joined them one day for a service. When both of his daughters collapsed after an altar call, he went up front to help them because he thought something bad had happened to them. In the front, he had a long talk with the pastor who then prayed with Juri. He felt nothing special, but his wife told him that she had never seen him with eyes burning with light like this before. He then kept coming to church with his family and eventually his entire household came to Jesus. Sometime later, Juri started to get a stomach ache – he had appendicitis. But when he was brought to the hospital, it was already too late – he died during the operation. (Outside his body) Juri saw the spiritual chaos around him and he wondered why the doctors would operate him – even though he was already dead. That moment his wife was praying outside in the hallway for her husband. Suddenly Juri came back to life and became clear in his thoughts. After over 5 minutes of official clinical death, God raised him back to life. Later, Juri was sent into the city Scham-Chal by his pastor Arthur and Juri founded and led a Community of Faith there. From there, he then founded another Community of Faith in another city called "Bogaduriovka". Both Communities of Faith now consist of around 12 people each.

Illustration 7
Pastor Bante

Pastor Bantie is one of our teachers of our training in the Himalaya.



He and Judi have already seen 4 people in total rise from the dead. Interesting fact: his relatives were witnesses of a very dramatic raising from the dead, on the third day after a person had died and directly before the funeral. But this dramatic demonstration of Jesus' power didn't lead to a clear decision and new births in the family who were Christians by name. Pastor Bantie experienced a clear impulse and faith from the Lord to raise all four people from the dead.

Romans 8:11

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

➔ **We have the authority and the power to raise the dead**

➔ Let us go in great joy and when we **are in a situation in which a person dies before his/her appointed time**, let us use our authority and raise the dead!

Part II: Application

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

- b) Group discussion

- c) Write down personal insights from the teaching

d) Exchange in your group what you have experienced or what you've heard you're your surroundings concerning the raising of the dead

e) Every group explains what they have learned.

Part III: Outreach

Regular practice of **GOING** (2-3 times a week, 6-9 hours in total) to the unreached of the ethnic group God put on your heart. This should be accompanied by 2-3 prayer walks (4-6 hours) each week.

1. PRAYER – Prayer walks with a partner/ the team



2. GOING – (2:2 or as a team) to the unreached group God put on your heart ☐
3. FIND people of peace ☐
4. PREACH – the Gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
5. SHARE – the way of salvation ☐
6. EVANGELISTIC DBS with people of peace ☐
7. SHARE your personal life transforming testimony with 5 people ☐
8. CALL to repentance and into FOLLOWING Jesus ☐
9. FAITH, repentance, baptism and reception of the Holy Spirit ☐
10. PRAY FOR AND HEAL 10 people within an outreach ☐
11. PLAN an outreach to pray for people who are oppressed by evil spirits ☐
12. If you are guided to do so, raise a person from the dead ☐

BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!