

# RELAY

## “It’s Our Turn”

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And **let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.** We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith...*

**Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)**

*“...with your own blood you bought for God people from every tribe, language, nation, and race.”*

**Revelation 5:9 (CEV)**

### 1. FIRST, IT WAS HIS TURN

*...the Father sent his Son to be the **Savior of the world.***

**1 John 4:14 (NLT)**

### 2. THEN, IT WAS THEIR TURN

*Again Jesus said, “...As the Father has sent me, **I am sending you.**” **John 20:21 (NIV)***

*Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, **they never stopped** teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. **Acts 5:42 (NIV)***

*Those who had been scattered preached the word **wherever they went.** **Acts 8:4 (NIV)***

*...“**These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.**” **Acts 17:6 (NKJV)***

***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.** And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere... **Acts 1:8 (NLT)***

*“...**the world was not worthy of them...**”*

**Hebrews 11:38 (NIV)**

### 3. NOW, IT IS OUR TURN

*You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that **you** have heard from **me** among many witnesses, commit these to **faithful men** who will be able to teach **others** also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

**II Timothy 2:1-3 (NKJV)**

#### HOW DO WE KEEP THE RELAY GOING?

### 1. WE MUST HAVE A DEEP DEVOTION TO PRAYER

*They all met together and were **constantly united in prayer**...* **Acts 1:14 (NLT)**

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### 2. WE MUST LIVE IN OBEDIENCE TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

*“Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

### 3. WE MUST DEVELOP STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

*...**entrusting to us the message of reconciliation**. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us...* **2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (ESV)**