



the

great  
adventure

# Key Verses



- *“Go, proclaiming (kerusso), ‘the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely give. And don’t worry about provisions along the way for the workman is worthy of his sustenance...”*  
**Matthew 10.7-10 KJV**

# Lens...



- “Jesus went through every city and village *preaching* (kerusso) and *bringing the glad tidings* (euaggelizo) of *the kingdom of God!* And the twelve were with Him!” **Luke 8.1 NKJV**
- “Jesus traveled from one town to another *preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God* and the twelve were with Him!” **Lexicon**

# The Great Adventure...



- “As you *journey*, proclaim this message: the rule and realm of heaven with its power and eternity is near!” (Lexicon)
  - “You’ve been waiting on God to show up and I’m here to let you know He is here and His love is near!”
    - So many people don’t know that!
    - They believe, if He exists, He is far away!
    - Left us alone, to fend for ourselves!

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    - And they bloom, when they do!

# The Good News!



- **I never knew, never heard it!**
  - Dated daughters of Christian families...
  - Had friends who identified themselves as Christians!
  - Almost died three times/knew it!
  - “God” was a far away abstract!
  - Someone who abandoned the world!
  - Existed, waiting for future judgment!

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  - At least not in a way I could understand it!
- Not until I met an “Adventurer!”
  - Who opened a conversation!
    - “Cere... Do you believe in God?”
    - My answer was polite but confrontational...
    - And she wasn’t dissuaded!

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- **The result was a conversion that has led to a running dialog for salvations!**
  - We were all created to respond to good news when we hear and understand it!

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- “Proclaim”
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  - ‘Good news’ came to the Syro-phoenician woman, Centurion, Samaritan’s city!

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- “What you have waited for... is here!”
  - And He was right there, spawning the very kingdom He was forth-telling!
- That’s “Good News...”
  - Problem begins here!
    - Depends on who is hearing...
    - Who is declaring...
    - What side of the fence you are on...

# Who is hearing...



- “The preaching of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing!”  
**1Cor 1.18**
- “When I came to preach Christ's gospel a door was opened, and thanks be to God who causes us to triumph and manifest the savor of His knowledge in every place. But to those perishing we are the savor of death!” **2Cor 2.12-16**

# Who is hearing...



- “There was a man named Cornelius, a centurion, an Italian, a devout man that feared God with all his house... and as Peter spoke, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the word...” **Acts 10**
- “Blessed and happy are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they will be filled!” **Matt 5.6**

# Who is declaring...



- “And the man out of whom the devils departed proclaimed to the whole city what Jesus had done for him and when Jesus came near the people gladly received Him and they were all waiting for Him!” **Luke 8.38-40**
- “And when Peter testified and said, ‘save yourselves from this perverse generation,’ they gladly received his word and were saved!” **Acts 2.40,41**

# Who is declaring...



- “Hey man, you need to turn or burn (too much sun on one side?)... Yes, you need to come to the lamb that was slain (it’s a Christian bar-b-q?)... Don’t you want to be covered in the blood? (No. Absolutely no!)”
  - That is not a clear declaration of the Good News of God’s kingdom!
  - It is the responsibility of the proclaimer to know their audience and to be clear!

# Good News!



- “To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them under the law, as under the law that I might gain them that are under the law; to those outside the law, as without the law (though I never forget that I am under the laws of Christ) that I might gain those outside the law... I am made all things to all men that by all means I might save some!” **1Corinthians 9.20-22**

# Good News!



- “To the Jews I preached Christ in Jewish terms so that I might win them! To the legalists I contextualized Christ in terms they understood so that I might win them! To the Gentiles I spoke of things outside of religion (though I never forgot the laws of God in Christ) to win them! I enter their worlds to preach the good news of Christ so that by all means I might save some!” **1Cor 9.20-22 translated**

# Often...



- The good news isn't preached because we are afraid of our audience...
- The good news isn't preached well because we don't know our audience...
- Isn't received because we aren't speaking the language of our audience...
- *And it is up to us to adjust, not them!*
- *"Jesus condescended to our low estate!"*

# Results of Good News...



- “The sowers sow the word and it springs up...” **Mark 4**
- “The word of God goes out with power to perform and prosper where it is sent...” **Isaiah 55.11**
- “The gospel is the power of God to save all who believe!” **Romans 1.16**

# Results of Good News...



- “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized... and there was added about three thousand souls!” **Acts 2.41**
- “Many of them heard the word and believed and the number of men was five thousand!” **Acts 4.4**
- “And as he spoke, the Holy Spirit fell on those who were hearing...” **Acts 10.44**
- ***BUT...***

# Romans 10.14-15



- “But how can they call on the name of the Lord in whom they have not believed? And how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without someone preaching? And how will they preach unless they are set apart? It is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring; *preach, good news!*”



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