



the

great  
adventure

# Key Verses



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**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**
  - People who are with Him know that the proclaiming of God’s kingdom is **Good News!**

# The Great Adventure!



- “As we journey through life, we proclaim (kerusso) the good news (euaggelizo) that the kingdom of God is near and His love is here; the rule and realm of heaven with its power and eternity is here!” **(compendium)**
  - People need to hear, *from people who are with Him*, the Good News of God’s kingdom – so they can believe!

Jesus asks, “7” simple things...



- *On Your Journey...* Proclaim Good News!
- *OYJ...* Heal sickness...
- *OYJ...* Cleanse the lepers...
- *OYJ...* Raise things that are dead...
- *OYJ...* Cast out demon powers and effects...
- *OYJ...* Freely give from My resources...
- *OYJ...* Don't worry about a thing!

# So far...



- **Proclaim the Good News that the kingdom of God is near and His love is here!**
- **Proclaim the Good News that His love forgives all our sins AND heals our sicknesses and diseases!**
- **Neither, and none, of our studies will be exhaustive, and we may come back to some of them for another round!**

# Today...



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- ***Cleanse:*** Katharizo: make clean, purge, purify... ***the lepers:*** outcasts, outsiders, pariahs; strays, non-conformists, and marginalized...
  - With leprosy virtually extinct...
  - Small possibility that we will ever come into contact with a person to physically cleanse... (like Jesus, Matt 8.2-4)
  - So there must be a broader application for modern believers... ***Must go looking!***



## 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)



- *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man (or woman) of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work!”*

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  - English: Catharsis: 1. Purgation, 2. A cleansing of the emotions, 3. A release of emotional tension, as after an overwhelming experience, that restores or refreshes the spirit. 4. a. to relieve tension and anxiety by bringing repressed feelings and fears to consciousness. b. The therapeutic result of this process; release.

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  - How many people has society cast off?
  - How many outsiders do you know?
  - How many strays/non-conformists?
  - And what about those outside your margins?
  - *Who are your ‘untouchables?’*

# Outside the Margins...



- We are living in a displacement crisis!
  - Prejudice/favoritism/isolation running at all time highs in the world!
  - We are far worse off than the worst times/cycles of ethnic prejudices!
  - Today's world, it seems, everyone who doesn't fit inside "our lines" is "out!"
  - And "out" is not enough!
  - ***DEMONIZED AND PERSECUTED!***



**Good News Flash!**

**Jesus drew a circle  
around all mankind...**



**And the Good News is  
that everyone deserves  
love and attention, help  
and salvation!**

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- The disciples were sent to their own first... **Matthew 10.5,6**
- But then they were empowered and sent to go to the whole world! **Acts 1.8**
- Making sure we understood it from Him, Jesus...
  - Went to the Samaritan woman (reproached alien) who spread the Good News far and wide! **John 4.4-42**

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  - Included the Syro-Phoenician woman and her daughter (“dogs”) with the Good News of healing! **Matthew 15.21-28**



**Jesus was the friend  
of Pharisees and Sadducees  
and Scribes of the law...  
of publicans and sinners...**



**And the commonalty of  
'sinner-ship' cuts across  
all prejudicial borders!**



**We proclaim Good News  
to the unsaved, sick and  
outcasts... and let Him  
sort them out!**

Of the “7” simple things He asks...



- He asks us to validate and accept every human being in need of Good News!
  - We don't hold back salvation!
  - We don't hold back healing!
  - We don't hold back love!
  - *Not in the light of the one who loved us while we were yet His enemies, by whose stripes we were healed and by whose death and resurrection we are all saved!*

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- He will ask us to ignore the voices of fear, prejudice and separation!
  - We can't imagine the horror of those who were resolute in their religious prejudice!
    - “Priest and Levite passed by on the other side!” **Luke 10.31,32**
    - “God, I thank you that I am not as other men...” **Luke 18.11**

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  - “And He Himself is the sacrifice and payment for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world...”  
**1 John 2.2**

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  - “And if he died for us all then we were all dead; and those who He died for should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died and rose again!” 2Cor5.14,15



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