



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 good news* (euaggelizo) of *the kingdom of God!* And the twelve *were with Him!*” **Luke 8.1 NKJV**
 - And people who are with Him are still delivering the Good News...
 - “the kingdom of God is near and His love is here; the rule and realm of heaven with its power and eternity is here!”

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!

Today...



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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)



- If *“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!”*
- If Jesus made ‘raising the dead’ part of our commission...
- There must be an application for us!

Raise the dead...



- There is a literal application that we see in the Bible...
 - Old Testament resurrections!
 - Elijah/Widow's son! **1Kings17.17ff**
 - Elisha/Shunammite's son! **2Kings 4.17ff**
 - New Testament!
 - Jesus/widow of Nain's son! **Luke 7.11ff**
 - Jesus/Jairus daughter! **Matt 9.18ff**
 - Jesus/Lazarus! **John 11.1ff**

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 - Jesus/Lazarus! John 11.1ff
 - Peter/Dorcas! Acts 9.36ff
 - Paul/Eutychus! Acts 20.9ff
 - Life Church! 1217/1219 Velasco

Raise the dead...



- **Certainly, there is the literal application we see from the Bible...**
 - But it is not the antidote for all death!
 - Not a walk thru the morgues calling people to “come forth!”
 - Not a raid on the local funeral homes, cemeteries!
- **So, just as certain... is the figurative application to bring life back into things that have died and passed away!**

Raise the dead...



- “A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench, till He sends forth justice to victory...”

Matthew 12:20

- *A bruised reed...* shattered, crushed, bent by outward forces of sin, sorrow, fear...
 - Head hanging down/holding by threads!
- *He won't break off or walk by!* Lk 10.30ff
- *He will reset and wrap up!* Eph 4.12

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- *A smoking flax...* a smoldering light; going out/suffocating for lack of inward fuel!
- *He won't extinguish!*
 - He adds “oil” to burn brightly!
 - Breathes on the ember to kindle a flame!

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–*Until His good work is completed!*

- “He that began a good work in you will complete it until the day of His return... that you may prove to be of the highest value, sincere, w/o offense to the day of Christ...!” **Phil 1.6,10 (the work and goal)**

Back to life!



- Love that has grown cold...
- Callings that have fallen to the ground...
- Zeal that has grown weary...
- 'Hope and a future' that has died...
- Vision that has grown dim...
- Spirit-life that has been yielded...
- Destiny here that has been forsaken...

Of the “7” simple things He asks...



- To proclaim the words of Good News to all people...
- To deliver the Good News that God is the healer...
- To show them that He is the great equalizer and no respecter of persons...
- To bring back to life things have died and passed away...
- *In them all, He asks us to be like Him!*

To be like Him!



- “To bring us to God, Jesus was put to death in the flesh, but was quickened by the Spirit, by which He also went and preached (kerusso’d) unto spirits in prison!” **1Peter 3.18,19**

–To bring people to God requires that we die to fleshy lives, are quickened to Spirit-filled living, by which we speak *and demonstrate* the Good News *of life* to people who are dead and imprisoned...

To be like Him!



- “If the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead, dwells in you, He will revitalize your mortal body, therefore you are no longer debtors to the flesh to live after the flesh which dies... but if you, by the Spirit put to death your fleshiness, you will live as the sons of God!” **Romans 8.11**
 - Like Him we can live for the benefit of others *being born into the new life!*

To be like Him!



- “It is the Spirit that quickens life, the flesh profits nothing! The words I speak to you they are spirit and they are life!”
John 6.63
 - He gave us words that are spirit and life, and the Holy Spirit who quickens us to real life...
 - So that we can go into all the world to proclaim words that are spirit (pneuma: breath) and life (zoe: physical/spiritual)!

Words of life!



- *“Our God knows how to blow the breath of life into a hunk of clay... making a new living soul from the dust!”*
- *“If God can raise people from the dead, He can raise whatever you have that has died back to life again!”*
- *“If the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead, dwells in you, He can put His new life into your old life!”*

The Heart of God!



- “The Lord set me down in the midst of a valley full of dry bones and they were many and they were very dry and He asked, ‘Son of man, can these dry bones live?’ And I answered, ‘You know Lord!’ He said, prophesy to these bones and say, ‘O dry bones, *hear the word of the Lord! He says He will cause breath to enter into you and you will live... and you will know He is the Lord...*’”

The Heart of God!



- **“So I spoke as I was commanded, and as I did there was a noise, and a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to bone, then muscle, flesh and skin... *but there was no breath in them.* And He said, *Prophesy to the wind, Come from the four corners O breath and breathe life into these slain ones.*’ I did as He commanded, *and they lived and breathed and stood up as an army!*”**

The Heart of God!



- “These are the bones of My people who say, *‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, we are completely cut off!’* Speak to them and say, “The Lord God says, My people *I will open up your graves and call you up and out of them and bring you in to the land of promise,* and you will know that I am the Lord... and I will put My Spirit in you and you will live in the place of promise!” **Ezekiel 37.1-14**



“you can live again!”