

Life Outside the Box! **Part 5: "Playing the Right Notes!"**

THE GREATEST NEWS AND GRANDEST SCORE IN ALL THE WORLD COMES FROM THE SIMPLE NOTES WE ALL HAVE IN US! HOW WE PLAY THE NOTES OF HIS LIFE IN US DETERMINES THE QUALITY OF THE MESSAGE THAT BRINGS JOY TO THE WORLD AROUND US! WHERE WE LIVE OUR LIVES, IN OR OUTSIDE THE BOX, WILL DETERMINE HOW MUCH JOY WE HAVE TO SHARE WITH THE WORLD!

Outside the Box... Is the life that God had planned for us! Is the love Jesus had when He saved us! Is the Holy Spirit given as a gift to us! Where the fearless life of God waits for us!

But too often the world around us finds us back in the box... Where it's familiar and cozy and protected and *anesthetized!* But we were made to stand outside the box proclaiming glad tidings of great joy!

And we must judge ourselves on our task so that we will not be judged! And so that we do not pass thru this life stuffed in a box!

Ever Heard/Said it? "I love my life... great God, great family, great church, great health... everything is perfect except my job...no Christians there... all unsaved!" "I miss home...all my Christian friends are there...my school is just a party place..." "Life could be so good if there just wasn't so many mean and evil people!"

That's the missed point that makes the whole point for coming outside the box!

The Points... *"His love should constrain us!* If He died for all, then we were all dead. And since He died for us we *should live for Him!* We are new creatures, reconciled to God, *a ministry has been given us to reconcile the world w/a word of reconciliation...* so *now then we are ambassadors for Christ!* We then as workers together with Him *should not receive the grace of God in vain... we shouldn't let the ministry be found wanting... in all things we should prove ourselves as the ministers of God,* regardless of the circumstances, distractions and hindrances of life! **2Cor 5.14-6.4 OTB!**

"We are not our own... we were bought with a price... therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are His!" **1Cor 6.20** Every minute we live belongs to Him and as servants we must be found faithful! This is not Christian-lite, this is Christ-life **OTB!**

"We are not ashamed of the gospel it is the very power of God to save all who believe..." **Romans 1.16** but how will they call on Him if they have not believed and how can they believe if they have not heard *and how can they hear unless we tell them?* **10.14** *God has not given us a spirit of timidity* but of power, love and a sound mind! **2Tim 1.7 OTB!**

"Preach the word, convenient or not; warn, correct and exhort w/longsuffering and good doctrine... be alert to what's going on, endure the hardships, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry... there is a crown of righteousness that the Lord will give to all who keep the faith and love the thought of His coming! **2T4 OTB!**

"Put the Lord center stage in your heart and be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks why you have such hope inside of you, but answer them with humility and a sober sense of the Lord's presence, speaking what is acceptable to Him! **1Peter3.15 OTB!**

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I am going to learn the notes and words to "the best news in all the world!" Going to: guard myself against boredom/frustrations/distractions. Never say, "I don't care!" Learn the "majors and minors." And put away childish pursuits to obtain precious skills to save men's souls! **2T2.20-26** Time enough to play ball in heaven!

I am going to learn to play the notes with the right pauses! This requires focused, thoughtful, preparation to “meet people where they are...” To turn the simple notes of my life into a specific symphony of truth! “There must be a distinction in the sound or people will not know what they are hearing!” **1Cor14.7**

As a single voice with a simple sound, or as a member of a greater company, I am going to join the players of history to captivate, engage, ignite and awe the world with the greatest story ever told!

OH, HOW HE NEEDS YOU, HOW WE NEED YOU, TO STAND UP AND ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE GREATEST NEWS THE WORLD HAS EVER HEARD! MAKE IT YOUR MOST JOY-FULL CHRISTMAS BY DELIVERING THE GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY TO THE PEOPLE OF YOUR WORLD... LIVE YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE THE BOX!