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- **This Great Adventure! Matthew 10.7-10**
- **Building and being nets of safety for the world Mt 4.19 and one another!**
Romans 12.4,5 1Corinthians 12.12-27
Hebrews 3.13, 10.23-25
- **And functioning as disciples, holding onto the Living and written words of God; to present the gospel as it was once delivered to the saints! Jude 1.3**

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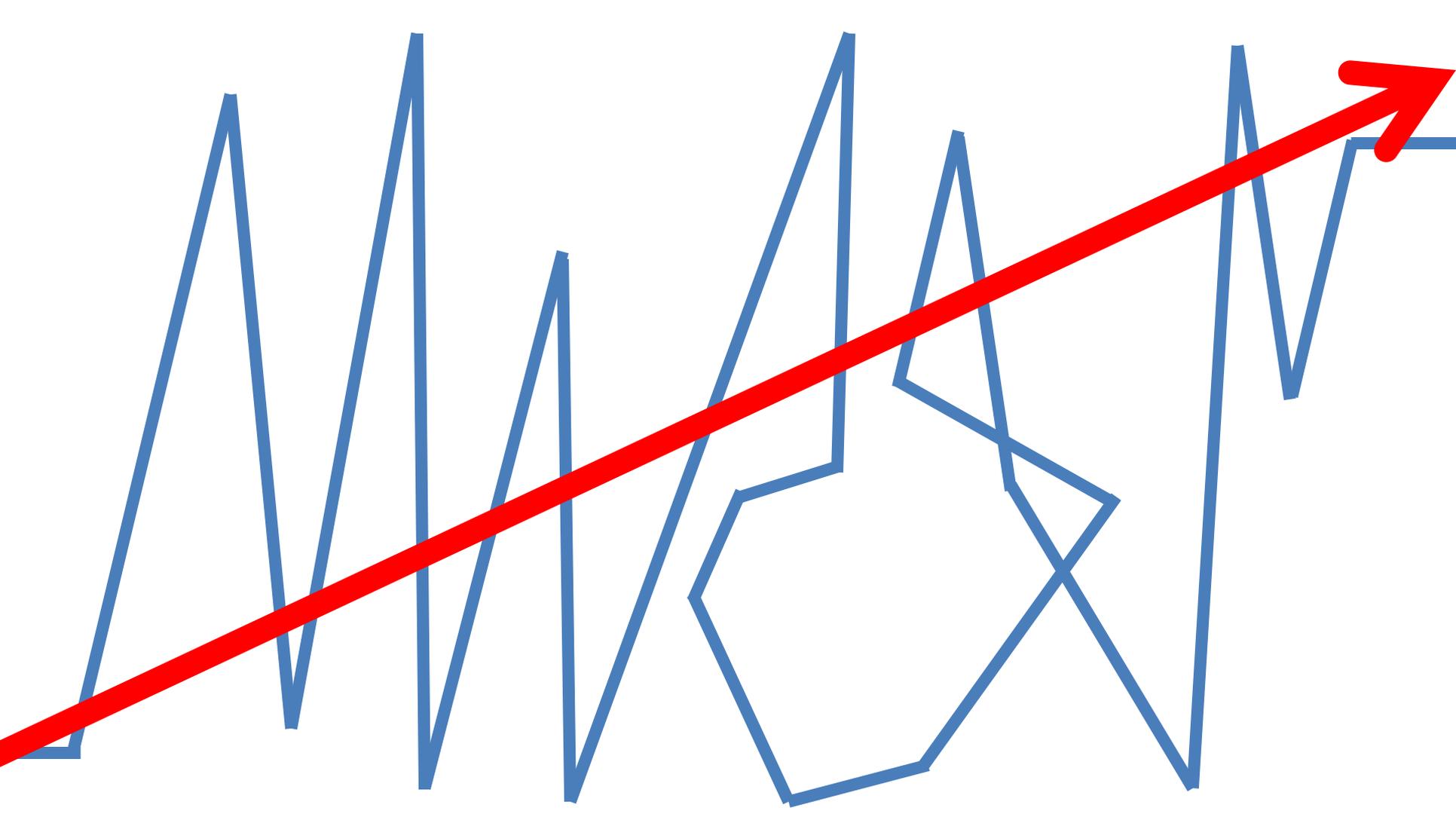


- Running on the fuel of love that will go the distance of a lifetime!
 - “Love gives us the wings to endure, to be kind, to be selfless, to be humble, to modify our behavior, to serve, to be calm, to spread the truth...” **1Corinthians 13.4-6**
 - “Because love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things... love never fails!” **1Cor 13.7,8**

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- **And enabled to do what is right *just because it is right...* which is part and parcel of our *justification* in Christ!**
 - Jesus did what He did at every stage not wanting to leave anything undone...
 - He hungered and thirsted for rightness with God and was filled to overflow on us!
 - And we “follow Him” to be fulfilled to overflow... Like this...



The Secret of Following...



- “Jesus sat down in the temple to teach the people who were coming to Him. The Scribes and Pharisees, *however*, brought to Him a woman caught in adultery... They made her stand before them... and said, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the law (**Lev 20.10**), Moses commanded us to stone *such a woman*... What do you say?’ They only said that to

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- trap Him into trifling with the law and to condemn Him... But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. When they continued asking, He stood up and said, “He that is without sin among you, let him be the first one to cast a stone at her.” And He bent over again to write. When they heard His response, being convicted in their hearts, they left one by one, oldest to the

The Secret of Following...



- youngest until there was no one left but Jesus and the woman. When Jesus stood up and saw no one but the woman he asked, “Woman, where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?” And she said, ‘No one Lord.’ And Jesus said, “neither do I condemn you go and sin no more!” **John 8.1-11**
 - “There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, *who follow not after the flesh but after the Spirit!*” **Romans 8.1,4**



**The secret of following
Jesus is in the words,
“I do not condemn you!”**

Condemnation Asides...



- **Jesus is not okay with trifling with the word of God, He bent down and wrote on the ground – *twice!***
 - Maybe He was just giving S&P's time...
 - Maybe He wrote, “Hey, where's the guy?”
 - Maybe: “How did you know where she was and what she was doing?”
 - Maybe: “Whoever looks on this woman w/lust has committed adultery already...”

Condemnation Asides...



- Jesus did not say her sin was ‘no big deal...’
 - “Nobody’s perfect!”
 - “Let’s just keep this between us!”
- She was guilty of sin: “adultery...”
 - “adultery” (moicheia) is “fornication” (porneia) with a married partner...
 - “Fornication” is sex outside the covenant, without the responsibility of marriage!

Condemnation Asides...



- Jesus found no fault with the law, did not excuse her sin, and didn't play with the hypocrites...
- Her sin/no ones sin is 'condoned!'
- All sin is unrighteous with God!
- *All sin* is a capital offense with the "death" penalty! **Romans 6.23**
- Jesus didn't save her from stoning to send her back to her old life, relieved...

Condemnation Asides...



- “Go and sin no more!”
 - He wasn’t saying, “Now, go... and be perfect or else a worse thing will happen...”
 - Jesus sent her on her way forgiven and redirected! **Matthew 9.2 Luke 7.48**
 - *Those who save the sinner should also direct the soul...*

For us, No Condemnation...



- **Condemnation: successful prosecution, unsuccessful defense, unfavorable judgment, death sentence...**
 - When we accepted Jesus...
 - “Redeemed with the blood of the Christ!”
1Peter 1.18,19
 - “The handwriting of (broken) ordinances against us was nailed to the Cross!”
Colossians 2.14

For us, No Condemnation...



- **Condemnation: successful prosecution, unsuccessful defense, unfavorable judgment, death sentence.**
 - No successful prosecution/acquitted!
 - The defense of His blood never fails!
 - The verdict is “Forgiven!”
 - And death has given way to life!
 - All shame and failure are wiped away in complete forgiveness!

For us, No Condemnation...



- **Condemnation: successful prosecution, unsuccessful defense, unfavorable judgment, death sentence.**
 - “The condemnation which in the present and final judgment of God impends over the sinner, is removed by the intervention of Christ, and by the union of the believer with Him. By that mystical and moral bond the power and empire of sin are thrown off and destroyed.” –Ellicott



**You cannot follow Jesus if
you are always running
away in condemnation!**



**And if there is no
condemnation to those
who are in Christ...**



**Then don't run from
God when you fail
or fall...**



**Get up and go follow
after the Spirit and not
the flesh!**



**“There is therefore now no
condemnation to those
who are in Christ Jesus!”**

Romans 8.1



**“We’re not followers if we’re
always running away!”**