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- **This Great Adventure! Matthew 10.7-10**
- **Building/being nets of safety for the world Mt 4.19 one another! Rom 12.4,5**
- **Disciples, holding the gospel “*as it was once delivered to the saints!*” Jude 1.3**
- **Running on the fuel of love; not compulsion, performance, duty, that will keep us following Him for a lifetime! John 14.15-17**

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- Doing what is right *just because it is right...* immediately from *justification* standpoint or *sanctification* over time!
- *Freed from condemnation* we follow without fear of rejection when we fail!
- We realize that we were not freed to go back to our old lifestyle, free from the fear of eternal separation from God...
  - But that we are called to “get up and go and sin no more...”



**True discipleship  
requires immediate  
(justification) or process  
(sanctification) behavior  
modification!**



**But not for the sake of  
compulsion, performance  
or obligation... but what  
we do for love's sake!**

# The things we do for love!



- That there is no price too high... no “modification” too sacrificial... to follow Jesus!
  - “What fruit did you have in those things that you are now ashamed of doing? The things that ended in death!” **Romans 6.21**
  - “Now, after you have known God and are known by Him, *how is it that you turn again to the beggarly elements that bring you back into bonds?*” **Galatians 4.9**

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– *“You put off the former lifestyle of the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”*

**Ephesians 4.22-24**

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  - “Raised with Christ, *seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God... mortify your earthly nature with its fornication, impurity, lusty and evil*

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- That there is no price too high... no “modification” too sacrificial... to follow Jesus!
  - desires and covetousness which is idolatry, the things for which the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience, the very things you used to walk in! But now you must *rid yourselves of all such things as these*: anger, rage, malice, slander, and

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- That there is no price too high... no “modification” too sacrificial... to follow Jesus!
  - filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, *since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*  
**Colossians 3.1-10**

# So, what do you think?



- Free from sin thru salvation!
- Free from condemnation by judgement!
- Free from the old lifestyle for newness!
- But are we free from “self?”
  - In a selfie, selfish, consumer, society?
  - Are believers safe from the “untoward:” adverse, unruly, inconsistent generation?
  - What does it require to “turn-toward and stay-tuned to God” discipleship?

# 1Peter 5.5-7



- ***“Be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you.”***

# James 4.6-10



- “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. *Submit yourselves to Him. Resist the devil, he will flee. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, purify your hearts, double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of God and He will lift you up.*”

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- **“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. *Submit yourselves to Him. Resist the devil, he will flee. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, purify your hearts, get all in! Grieve, lament and cry over the misery in the world! Stop laughing at sin! Get really serious, about life around you. Humble yourselves to serve and God will exalt you!*”**

# Jesus!



- The disciples wanted to know, ‘Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?’ Unless you turn around and become as a little child... Whoever humbles himself as a little child... the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but he that humbles himself will be exalted.

**Matthew 18.1-4 23.12**

# Humility!



- **Touchy, fine-line topic in society!**
  - “Oh Lord, it’s hard to be humble...”
  - “When I’m perfect on every page...”
- **Humility: unpretentiousness, meekness, submissive, condescension, setting aside self-interest, self-deprecation...**
  - Just some of *Jesus attributes* that are resisted by modern society!
  - Humility is counter-culture to the world!

# Humility!



- **But beautiful, and a marvel, to Jesus!**
  - **“A centurion begged Him to come and heal his dying servant. Jesus said, ‘I will come and heal him.’ The man replied, ‘I am not worthy that You should come under my rook; speak the word and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, having authority, and I say to my men, ‘Do this’ and they do! When Jesus heard him, He marveled! ‘I have not found such great faith in all Israel!’”** **Matthew 8.5-10**

# Elements...



- It doesn't matter where you come from if you believe in Him!
- This outsider simply believed Jesus had authority/command over sickness!
  - If you have someone 'sick,' call on Him!
- Jesus doesn't conceal His admiration for the man “believing that He is [Lord] and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him!” **Hebrews 11.6**

# Elements...



- The man approaches with faith, *but in humility*: “I am not worthy to have you come under my roof...”
  - Jesus not fooled by false humility to make a good impression!
  - Not fooled by flattery to manipulate a favorable outcome!
  - Not fooled by laziness and a con to get someone else to do the work!

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  - Jesus was openly touched by the man's self-realization and resulting humility!
    - The more in touch with who we are, the more dependent we will be on Him!
  - And his revelation that Jesus was the One with the authority and words of life!

# The Wind-up!



- **We're not told if he followed Jesus!**
  - But he was an outsider brought inside...
  - His prayer request was heard and filled...
  - He had an excellent revelation of Jesus...
  - He had the unprecedented commendation and praise of his 'faith...'
  - He had a story to tell over and over...
  - *He lived in genuine humility...*
- **Could he go back to the old way of life?**

# The Point!



- **Humility opens the way to ‘full-on’ discipleship!**
- **Without it we will never bow our wills and ways to Jesus...**
- **Without it we will not follow along...**
- **Without it we will never have the full revelation of who He is... and all He has for us!**



**“ The Entrance to Discipleship! ”**