



Sunday 28 April 2013

GO DEEPER WITH GOD
8. AN IMPOSSIBLE LIFE



OVERVIEW

- Scriptures
 - Luke 4:16-21
 - Matthew 10:7-8
 - Romans 12:1-2
 - James 1:19-21
 - Matthew 7:7-9

LUKE 4:16-21

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

²⁰ And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

MATTHEW 10:7-8

“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.

ROMANS 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

JAMES 1:19-21

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

MATTHEW 7:7-9

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

SO FAR...

- A greater salvation than we imagine
 - Don't settle for less, for the familiar
- Where we are hindered
 - ~~God's not for us~~
 - ~~the devil~~
 - what and how we think

SO FAR...

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- The purpose of our lives
 - His Kingdom come

HIS KINGDOM COME

- We are representatives of His Kingdom

- Matthew 10:7-8

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AN IMPOSSIBLE LIFE

- Called to an **impossible** level of living
- How to get there?
 - A renewed mind
 - A seeking heart
 - A willingness to obey completely

