God's Redemptive Story

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We Return Home to: rest (slow down), reminisce, repair restore, be refreshed,

SO WE CAN LIVE TO BLESS AND NOT IMPRESS

Home should be, the place where:

Structure is learned Safety is standard Stability is fought for Struggles are real Solutions are worked out Strength is built Salvation is celebrated Steadfastness is consistent Submission is beautiful Surrender is essential Sacrifices are seen Sorrows are experienced Sorry is heard Smiles are familiar Smells are lasting Sarcasm is present Sincerity is encouraged

Sensitivity is potential Separation is not optional Suppers are sweet Standoffs are disappointing Standouts are discouraged Sweetness is shared Singing is a regular guest Sowing is promising Scripture is sought Singularity is sure The Savior is present

The story of redemption is God sending servants — His messengers — to feed, lead and meet the greatest needs of those who trusted the messengers, message and ministry He sent. Prefigures of a coming Christ, like Noah, Joseph, Moses — they were sent before them to keep them alive. We are proclaimers not prefigures — witnesses that have been sent to testify that He came to feed, lead and meet the greatest needs of His sheep. We bear witness to our Good Shepherd, Great Shepherd and Chief Shepherd. Who, as our good shepherd, came for His sheep, who, as our great shepherd, is committed to His sheep and who, as our chief, shepherd is <u>coming</u> for His sheep. For what? To feed, lead and meet our every need.

Our communities need missionaries on mission with and for Jesus.

It did not start with us... it cannot stop with us (2 Timothy 1:3-5)

None of this started with us and it must not stop with us...

Think with me on how God's order works: it takes a man and wombed woman to have a child. No way around it. The blessings and command has been the same from the foundation of the world. So how many people would it take for you to be sitting where you are today. Let's go 12 generations back, with 30 years between each generation — that would be some 430 years back or we can take a number like 1590. It would have taken 4096 people (2,048 couples) for you to be here today.

If we go back 40 generations back, to year 750 - 1272 years ago it would take over 1 trillion people for you to be where you are today.

The point — it took a lot for you to be where are and our work didn't start with us... It can't stop with us.

Missionary Robert Morrison who gave his life to the Lord and the 350 million people in China that had zero light on Jesus, His Gospel and the word of God.

The greatness of the work 1 Chronicles 29

Acts 14 effective servants

-gifted,

-gritty, they loved, lived, led boldly

—gospel power, God worked freely through them. The presence, power and purpose of God: unhindered flow of the love of God ; power is in you)

-grounded (they humbly followed and fruitfully served.)

Today I'm following up on you, as Paul and Barnabas

- follow up with love
- fill up with truth
- frame up for the work

They were Kingdom thinkers...

by EXAMPLE... by ENGAGING by ENCOURAGING

We Reinforce others: to risk it all for Jesus

Kingdom Thinkers are Risk Takers for Jesus

- 1. Their DEVOTION has no limits.
- 2. Their DILIGENCE is not affected by rejection.
- 3. Their DUTY is not driven by praise.
- 4. Their DELIGHT is not fed by convenience.
- 5 Their Determination is not bound by affirmation.

by our EXAMPLE (truth, testimony, tribulation)

•by our ENDURANCE

Risk Takers

They Don't beat others up They Don't pass others up They Help others up

They have a mission to reach, teach, equip and mobilize...

They REACH people for Jesus.
 They TEACH people about Jesus.
 They EQUIP people to serve Jesus.
 They MOBILIZE people to go with Jesus.

Mt. Horeb Baptsit Church Homecoming

Acts 14... they returned to strengthen, to encourage and remind.

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#acts14and19thru23 #noahsark #genesis6and20 #john6and37thru45 #jeremiah16and19thru21
#rudderlessark #atthemercyofGod #Christcentered #theywillcometoyou #ark
#noruddernosailsnoanchor #watersofNoah #cross #bigcausesbigcommitments
#JesusandHisgospel #noahwalkedwithGod #allbyfaith #walkedwentworkedwithGod
#walkedwentworkedwithGodbyfaith #inanupsidedownworld #matthew24and37thru39
#graceupongrace #feathers #Godhasnograndchildren #mthorebhomecoming2022