

YOU'RE THE ONE



You woke up one day and knew that you're the one!

Perhaps, like Jonah, you said, "Thanks anyway."

Perhaps you got on a ship to Tarshish.

Perhaps you are still on the run.

We didn't choose to follow Jesus.

Jesus broke into our lives, whether we liked it or not.

It was like being hit by an earthquake.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.

So that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

This I command you: to love one another."

John 15

God has ways of reminding us.

Jonah reconsidered things in the belly of a fish.

And sooner or later we too have to face it.

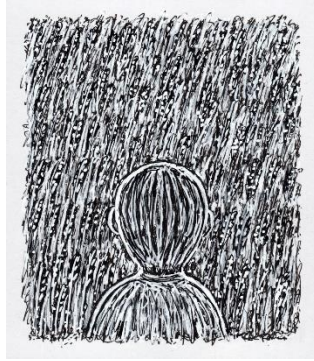
God always makes sure we get the point.

Maybe nothing changes on the outside.

But a volcano erupts on the inside.

You're the one, whether you like it or not.

So open your eyes.



“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest.

He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

John 4

When the angel told Gideon he was to deliver Israel, he could not believe it.

He kept checking it out.

Looking for confirmation.

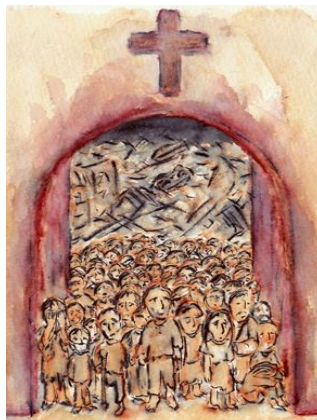
Until he was sure.

Once he was sure, Gideon did not waste a minute.

“Okay, Lord. Where do I start?”

“Start right where you are. Open your eyes and see what I see:

People.



Pray for them.

Listen to them.

Give them a sustaining word.

Live the gospel right where you are.

No canned speeches.

No '7 steps to salvation'.

If I live in you, let me do the talking."

You're the one he put in that place.

You are crucified with Christ.

It is no longer you, but Christ who lives in you.

And the life you now live in the flesh you live by faith in the Son of God who loved you and gave himself for you.



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Prayer: Thank you Lord for choosing us. Help us to wrap our minds around how beloved we are by you... and that we can do what you call us to... and do it well. Open our eyes to your precious call on our lives. Open our eyes to see the harvest you have prepared right before us. And yes, help us to start right where we are... with the people who need us...who need our prayers, our mercy, our compassion, our attentive ears and our loving concern. And may it be your Spirit, your life within us that does the talking, the loving, the praying in the places you put us. . Amen.

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