

the gospel of matthew

THE KING & THE KINGDOM



My mission is to give, for giving is what I do best and I can learn to do better.

I want to experience life's passions with the newness of a child's love, the sweetness and joy of young love, and the respect and reverence of mature love.

Live, love, laugh, leave a legacy

*I want to be the kind of person my
dog already thinks I am*

“If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

And even if he tries to kill you, you'll develop the inner conviction that there are some things so dear, some things so precious, some things so eternally true, that they are worth dying for. And I submit to you that if a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live."

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Matthew 9:35-10:16

“³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and

helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'

10 And he called to him his twelve

disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew;

Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;
James the son of Alphaeus, and
Thaddaeus;⁴ Simon the Zealot, and
Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out,
instructing them, 'Go nowhere among
the Gentiles and enter no town of the
Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost

sheep of the house of Israel.⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts,¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff,

for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹ And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words,

shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. ¹⁶ 'Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.'"

Jesus calls disciples to join Him in the mission of the Kingdom.

- **The authority for the mission.**
- **The heart of the mission.**
- **The movements of the mission.**

1) The Authority for the Mission:

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. Vs 1

2) The heart of the mission:

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Vs 36

- Exodus 3:7,8 “The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them..”
- Psalms 106:44 But he took note of their distress when he heard their cry;
- Isaiah 63:9 In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.
- Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are— yet was without sin.

“God is in the slums, in the cardboard boxes where the poor play house. God is in the silence of a mother who has infected her child with a virus that will end both their lives. God is in the cries heard under the rubble of war. God is in the debris of wasted opportunity and lives, and God is with us if we are with them.”

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3) The Movements of the Mission:

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Vs 5-7

- **Gospel Order:** go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Vs 5
- **Whole Gospel:** “proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Vs 7,8
- **Gospel Provision:** You received without paying; give without pay. 9 Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food vs 9,10
- **Gospel Peace:** And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it vs 11, 12,
- **Gospel Rejection** And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Vs 14-16

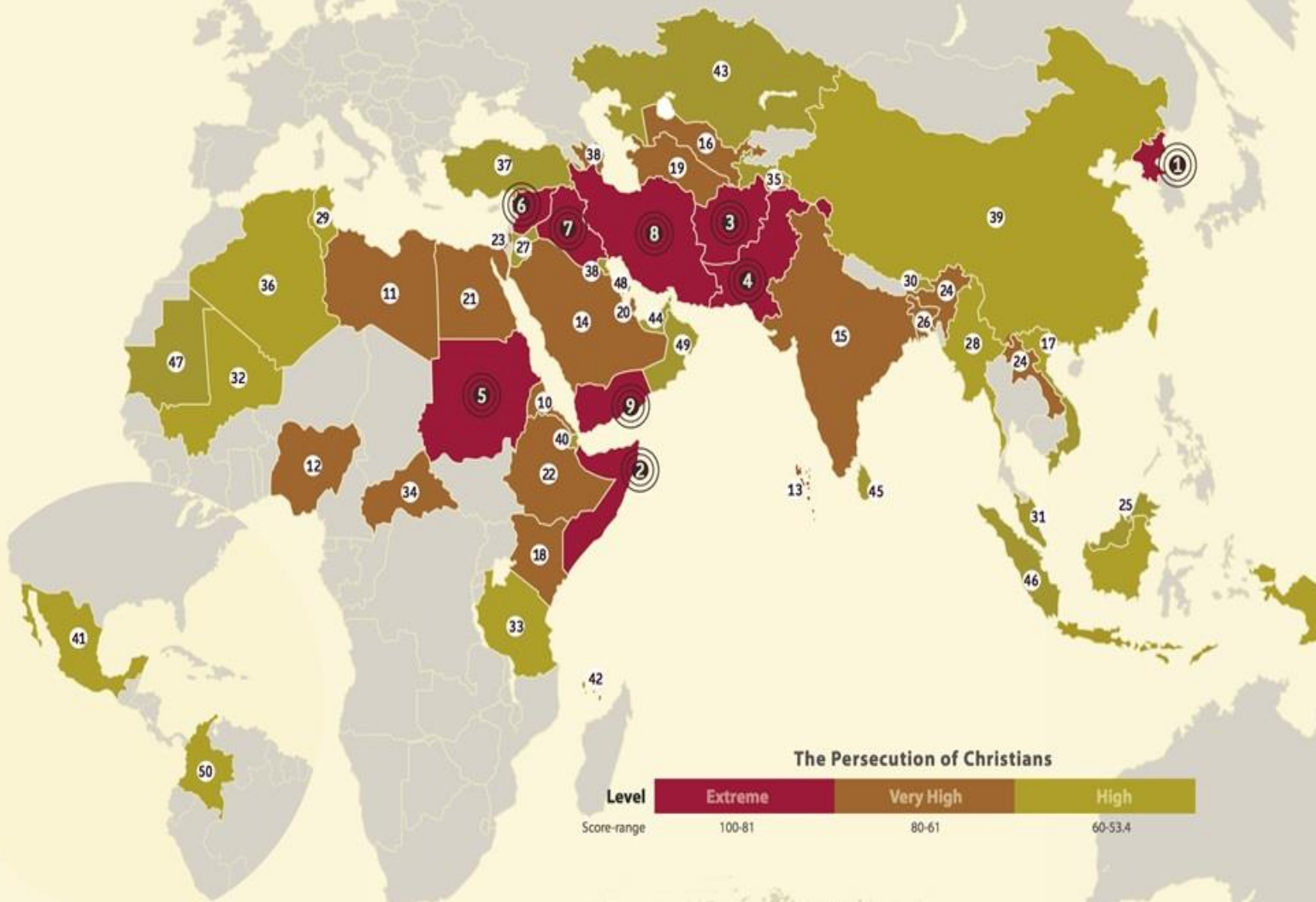
"God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow Him"

"God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him."

Hudson Taylor, missionary to China

OpenDoors WorldWatchList 2017

The *World Watch List 2017* uses data from Open Doors field workers and independent experts to track the deep structures of Christian persecution. It measures the degree of freedom a Christian has to live out their faith in five spheres of life – private, family, community, national and church – plus a sixth sphere measuring the degree of violence. The data is translated into points, and countries are ranked accordingly, with the top 50 countries appearing on the list. The list is independently audited by the International Institute of Religious Freedom.



COUNTRY	SCORE
1. North Korea	92
2. Somalia	91
3. Afghanistan	89
4. Pakistan	88
5. Sudan	87
6. Syria	86
7. Iraq	86
8. Iran	85
9. Yemen	85
10. Eritrea	82
11. Libya	78
12. Nigeria	78
13. Maldives	76
14. Saudi Arabia	76
15. India	73
16. Uzbekistan	71
17. Vietnam	71
18. Kenya	68
19. Turkmenistan	66
20. Qatar	65
21. Egypt	64
22. Ethiopia	64
23. Palestinian Terr.	64
24. Laos	64
25. Brunei	64
26. Bangladesh	63
27. Jordan	63
28. Myanmar	62
29. Tunisia	61
30. Bhutan	61
31. Malaysia	60
32. Mali	59
33. Tanzania	59
34. Cent. Af. Rep.	58
35. Tajikistan	58
36. Algeria	58
37. Turkey	57
38. Kuwait	57
39. China	57
40. Djibouti	57
41. Mexico	57
42. Comoros	56
43. Kazakhstan	56
44. UAE	55
45. Sri Lanka	55
46. Indonesia	55
47. Mauritania	55
48. Bahrain	54
49. Oman	53
50. Colombia	53

I can say that I never knew what joy was like until I gave up pursuing happiness, or cared to live until I chose to die. For these two discoveries I am beholden to Jesus.

—Malcolm Muggeridge, British journalist, writer, and Christian apologist (1903–1990)

“when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:17-20

Driven by the worship of Christ, in the authority of Christ,
my/our mission is to go and make disciples of all nations.

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

- Antoine de Saint Exupéry

