

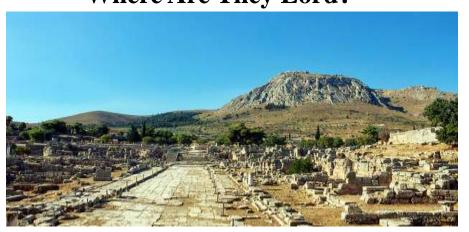
# NO SOLDIER LEFT BEHIND

"Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:13-14 ESV)



"And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you, for I have many in this city who are my people." (Acts 18:9-10 ESV)

Where Are They Lord?



"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God." (I Cor. 6:9-10 ESV)

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (I Cor. 6:11 ESV

### DRAGNET (SHOTGUN) APPROACH TO REACHING THE LOST

Matthew 13:47-50



We Must Reach Out
To Everybody



John 21:6 – "Cast your net on the other side"



How Long? – Until the cities are devastated…land is desolate" – Isaiah 6:11



Noah – a preacher of righteousness – 120 years

To those whose hearts were only evil continually – Gen 6

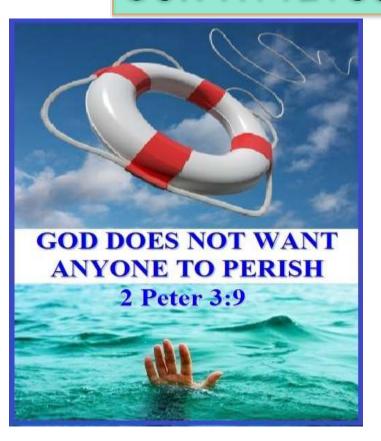
A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along **the path**, and the birds came and devoured them. Others fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them." (Matt. 13:3-7 ESV)

#### The Parable of the Sower



"Other seeds fell on **good soil** and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear." (Matt 13:8-9 ESV)

## OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE LOST



"The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." (II Peter 3:9 ESV)

### Rahab - Two Spies

Paul - Barnabas

Jonah

A friend

#### We must

- Put ourselves in their place
- Understand their needs
- Expose/make ourselves vulnerable to help them

#### STICKING YOUR NECK OUT TO HELP OTHERS



Good Samaritan -Luke 10:30

Priscilla and Aquila
- Romans 16:3-4

Devoted (Addicted) to Helping the Saints - I Cor. 16:15

Gave Themselves - II Cor. 8:5

"Bad things happen when good people do nothing" - Edmund Burke

# Jesus and the Lost Sheep - Luke 15:1-7



But all thru the mountains, thunder riv'n and up from the rocky steep, There arose a glad cry to the gate of heaven, Rejoice I have found my sheep. And the angels echoed around the throne, Rejoice for the Lord brings back His own. Rejoice for the Lord brings back His own.

Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn? They're pierced tonight by many a thorn.



# YOU WILL NEVER FIND YOUR LIFE UNTIL...YOU LAY IT DOWN AT THE CROSS

Until you lay down your hurts...

Until you lay down your fears...

Until you lay down your masks...

Until you lay down your bitterness...

Until you lay down your brokenness...

Until you lay down your unforgiveness...

Until you lay down your walls of self-protection...

Until you lay down your resistance to His plans...

Until you lay down your desire to keep proving yourself...

DO YOU HAVE BURDENS? BROKENNESS? PAIN IN YOUR PAST?

THERE IS ONLY ONE PLACE TO GO



# No Soul Left Behind

Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" –" Isaiah 41:10 - NAS)

### HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no ever forsake. (vs. 3)









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If I have wounded any soul today,
If I have caused one foot to go astray,
If I have walked in my own willful way,
Dear Lord, forgive!

If I have uttered idle words or vain,
If I have turned aside from want or pain,
Lest I myself shall suffer through the strain,
Dear Lord, forgive!

If I have been perverse or hard, or cold,
If I have longed for shelter in Thy fold,
When Thou hast given me some fort to hold,
Dear Lord, forgive!



