

through you? Jesus has called you to be God in action today; seeking and saving the lost.

What a wonderful privilege. What an opportunity. To bring Jesus to people so that they might discover for themselves the life, salvation and forgiveness that is in him.

Paul in his letter to the community of faith at Corinth, encourages them in this adventure, he writes; "Just think – you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale. And not only that, but God himself

is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus. God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that." (1 Cor. 1:7-9 Message)

Today invite Jesus to lead you to a person who you can share the hope you have in him with them. Invite Jesus to lead you and through the Spirit to give you the right words and actions so that they discover the joy of Jesus' presence in their lives.

Today invite Jesus to lead you into action so that you not only discover the exhilaration of life lived with Jesus, but

also the joy of finding the lost, knowing that they too will be brought home.

Today invite Jesus to get you off the couch if that's where you feel you are. Not because you're feeling guilty, but because you trust him with your life.

Because you want to be part of the action, shoulder to shoulder with Jesus, bringing his life, salvation and hope into this world.

What a great privilege we have. What a great adventure Jesus has called you to join him on, for he doesn't want anyone lost but all to be found, and brought home to celebrate life forever in Father's loving embrace.

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MISSION—GOD IN ACTION

Mark 13:24-37



The Christmas Season always reminds me of mission. It reminds me that God has actively come seeking to save the lost. God has not remained passive, but has gone to great extremes that we might know him, that we might share his life with him. Christmas reminds me that God is a God of action.

Jesus is God in action; born our brother. Jesus comes, seeking and saving Father's loved children. Jesus comes putting his life on the line that we might have the wonderful life Father created us for. Jesus comes risking being rejected, misunderstood, feared, hidden from, so that

he might breakthrough and touch our heart and soul with Father's very presence.

Christmas is a reminder to me that Jesus is inviting me to be part of the action. Jesus is inviting you to be part of the action.

Together with Jesus we are part of a huge adventure; where there is risk, intrigue, danger, joy, hope as we seek to save the lost. This adventure is primal for those who follow Jesus, for the relationship he draws us into with his Father also sends us out to seek and save those Father is so passionate about.

As Jesus draws us in he also places on our hearts Father's

passion to seek and save the lost. In Jesus it's part of our new nature. As with Jesus, we can't just sit there and do nothing while our brothers and sisters remain lost.

Jesus is the answer to the plea we heard read from the prophet Isaiah. He pleaded; "And yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand. Don't be so angry with us, LORD. Please don't remember our sins forever. Look at us, we pray, and see that we are all your people." (Isa. 64:8,9)

In Jesus that is precisely what God has done; he reminds us that he does see us as his people, his children, those

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

formed by his hand,
the one's he loves.
Loves to share his life
with.

Sadly not everyone
wants to share life
with God. People
want God on their
terms, to come into
their lives according
to their felt needs.
But that's a big
difference to
sharing God's life,
on his terms,
according to his
loving nature.

Here is what it
means that we are
lost. We seek to be in
control and tell God
how things are to go
and what he is to do;
all from our
perspective. And my
perspective is rather
limited. Limited to
how life feels to me.
Limited to what I
want. That's the
essence of being lost;
we seek to play God
and have life on our
terms. Have God on
our terms.

God is after so much
more. God is after life
on his terms, from his
perspective. God is
inviting us to share
his life with him,
which is far more
expansive than me
inviting God to share
my life with me.

My understanding of
the universe, life and

Jesus is God in Action!

love is like a puddle,
where God's is like
the ocean. Do we
splash in the puddle
or swim in the sea?
Jesus invites us to
join him in
discovering Father, as
we swim in the sea of
his person;
discovering the
person, living with
the real person. What
an adventure of life
Jesus has invited us
to join him in.

An adventure is a call
to action; to get

involved, to be part of
it.

I've noticed that it is
hard to be involved in
life while sitting on
my couch just being
an observer. There is
a big difference
between being an
observer and being
actively involved.

Jesus invites each of
us to be actively
involved with him
in seeking and
saving the lost.

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Mark for today had
the image of someone
sitting on the couch
being surprised when
the owner of the
house returned. So
Jesus says; "You, too,
must keep watch! For
you don't know when
the master of the
household will return
- in the evening, at
midnight, before
dawn, or at daybreak.
Don't let him find
you sleeping when he
arrives without
warning. I say to you
what I say to

everyone: Watch for
him!" (Mark 13:35-
37)

This says to me that
to be active, joining
Jesus on his great
adventure, is to spend
time with him. I join
Jesus by spending
time with him;
listening to him,
talking with him,
being open to his
lead. If I'm daily
talking with Jesus,
listening to him,
sharing with him
from the heart as I
hear what is on
his heart, he'll never
come unexpectedly.

The best way to be
ready for Jesus return
is to be sharing life
with him today;
walking, talking,
listening to him
today. So when he
returns it will be the
very person I've been
sharing life with all
along. So when Jesus
returns to bring his
great adventure to it's
conclusion, I'll be
part of it, for I've

been living the
adventure with Jesus.

Jesus comes to seek
and save the lost; so
there will be a day,
when the lost are
brought home. After
all, that's the goal of
a search and rescue
mission. Not to be
forever searching; but
to bring the found

Jesus is committed to all people being found.

home, so that they
can now live life to
the full, at home.

In Jesus, my home is
Father's heart!

It would be sad to
remain lost;
wandering, fearful,
unprotected, in
danger, without the
resources to live life
in all it's fullness. To
remain lost would be
such a tragedy.

Jesus is committed to
all people being

found; so he was
willing to go out into
the wilderness of life,
into those hostile
places; places of fear,
regret, envy, greed,
disappointment, self-
security and self-
importance. Jesus
was willing to risk his
life, that we might be
found, and be brought
home to share life
with him as
Father's loved
children, in whom
he delights.

It would be so sad
for anyone to
remain lost.

So Jesus has invited
you to join him in
seeking and saving
the lost. To step out
in his power and
authority, trusting
him, seeking his lead
that you might tell
other people about
Jesus and the hope he
offers; the life he
offers.

Have you noticed one
way for God to be in
action today; seeking
and saving the lost, is