

Let's Discuss...Salvation

PART 4_What Does a Life Without Salvation Look Like?

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Key Bible verses:

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Matthew 7:13-14 NIV

EPISODE SUMMARY

Knowing that salvation is a choice, in this episode we reflect on what a life without Jesus would look like. Rocky paints a picture of how the things that this world have to offer are like throwing pieces of paper into the furnace of our hearts, whereas what he's found through salvation and the depths of the Christian tradition have been more like throwing in logs from an unquenchable source.

LET'S DISCUSS...

- What do you think a life without salvation would look like for you? What are some of the ways you are reminded of how salvation has changed your life?

What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have Him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.

1 Peter 1:3-5 MSG

- Is it easy for you to believe that God loves everyone equally? Even for those who've committed serious crimes or have fallen short in our minds?

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8 NIV

- Read Matthew 7:13-14. Why is this true?
 - » "I concluded that God would not inspire desires which could not be realised, and that I may aspire to sanctity in spite of my littleness. For me to become great is impossible. I must bear with myself and my many imperfections; but **I will seek out a means of getting to Heaven by a little way—very short and very straight, a little way that is wholly new.**"St. Thérèse of Lisieux
- Carlos mentions how sometimes when you've been a Christian for many years, you can forget the spiritual inheritance that you've got. Have you ever experienced this? What are steps we can take to prevent this from happening to us?
 - » What aspects of your spiritual inheritance are easy for you to forget? How do you remind yourself day-to-day of your own identity as a child of God?
- Discuss your thoughts on Tilly's statement, "Yes, the world is on my shoulders but I'm not bearing the weight".
- Christianity has over 2000 years of inspiration, thoughts, historical figures and Divine revelation. Do you feel like you've tapped into the depths and breadths that the Christian tradition has to offer? What would be the benefit of acknowledging the wider and intergenerational "Body of Christ"? Do you find it helpful talking to your parents or older people about your faith?
- One of Christ's final recorded commandments in Matthew 28:19 NIV was to "go and make disciples of all nations". Do you feel compelled to share the salvation you've found with others? How would you share the Gospel in your own context?

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LET'S PRAY...

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God [set aside self-righteous pride], so that He may exalt you [to a place of honour in His service] at the appropriate time, casting all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully].

1 Peter 5:6-7 AMP

- Thinking back to Tilly's comment "Yes, the world is on my shoulders but I'm not bearing the weight", take a moment to cast your cares and burdens on Him. Close your eyes and imagine what it looks and feels like to lift these weights off your shoulders and place them in His hands. If this is difficult for you, don't worry. Express that to God and ask Him to teach you how to release your cares to His loving and omnipotent hands. As with all aspects of discipleship, figuring out how to truly cast our cares on Him is a day-by-day process that we learn over time.

LET'S GO DEEPER...

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