

## **Striving for the narrow door #2**

### **Luke 13:22–30**

And He was passing thru from one city and village to another teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" and He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door saying 'Lord, open up to us!' then He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know where you are from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets and He will say, 'I tell u, I do not know where u are from; depart from Me, all you evildoers.'

In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out. And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. and behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

Luke 13:22-30

"Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?"

Luke 13:24

#### **Four action words to describe true salvation, according to Jesus....**

Exertion, Desperation, Relation, and Perception

"Strive to enter by the narrow door for many I tell you will seek to enter and will not be able."

Luke 13:24

As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

Luke 9:57-58

And He said to another, "Follow Me. "But he said, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."

Luke 9:59

He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.

John 12:25

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

and he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, Make His paths straight. 'Every ravine will be filled, And every mountain and hill will be brought low; The crooked will become straight, And the rough roads smooth; And all flesh will see the salvation of God.'" Luke 3:4-6

"God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble."  
James 4:6-7

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling.  
Philippians 2:13-14

#### **Four action words to describe true salvation according to Jesus....**

Exertion, DESPERATION

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.  
John 6:53

Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"  
John 6:60

"Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?  
Luke 13:23

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.  
Luke 9:23

#### **True evangelism induces a sense of Desperation.**

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Luke 13:25

And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry."  
Luke 12:18

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?'

Luke 12:20

And in as much as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,

Hebrews 9:27

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Luke 13:25

And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain— for He says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you."

Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation"

2 Corinthians 6:1-2