

Paul Spurlock, January 22 & 23, 2005



Part 1: Embracing God's Grand Adventure!

Three truths about God's Grand Adventure:

1. There is one ultimate _____

*Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the **kingdom**; you are exalted as **head over all**.* 1 Chronicles 29:11

*The LORD has established **his throne** in heaven, and his **kingdom** rules over all.* Psalm 103:19

2. He has a real _____ and it is His _____

*Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a **kingdom** of priests and a holy nation. These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.* Exodus 19:5-6

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.* 1 Peter 2:9

*But he said, "I must preach the good news of the **kingdom** of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."* Luke 4:43

*But seek first his **kingdom** and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* Matthew 6:33

*He told them still another parable: "The **kingdom** of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."* Matthew 13:33

*Again he said, "What shall we say the **kingdom** of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade."* Mark 4:30-32

3. We are his _____ and He has entrusted _____ with advancing the Kingdom

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. Matthew 25:14

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant... 2 Corinthians 3:6a

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. 2 Corinthians 5:20a

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Corinthians 10:4

Daily Meditations

Spend some time each day this week meditating on today's topic.

This week's memory verse:

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Monday

Look back over the notes and read the verses they contain. Think about following God - how do that work out in your life? Do you see following God as an adventure, is it frightening, is it drudgery, is it a battle of wills, a mixture of things? Why is that?

Write down one thing from the sermon that impacted you. How will it impact your actions?

What do you think of when you hear the word "missions"? How have you been involved in missions in the past? How will you be involved in missions this year?

Thank God today for the privilege of following Him. Thank Him for the comfort of following a perfectly loving, just and all-knowing God. Ask God to soften your heart to His voice and leading. Pray that your heart will align more and more with His. Pray that He'll show you ways to be involved in reaching out.

Tuesday

Read Genesis 1:1, 1 Chronicles 29:11, Psalm 103:19 & John 14:6. How do these verses point to the fact that there is an ultimate King? How is He described in these verses?

When did you first believe in the Kingship of Christ in your life?

Write down three ways that decision to believe has been an adventure for you.

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- 2.
- 3.

How are you currently struggling to allow God to be your King? In what practical way will you bow to His kingship in that area? How do you think that will impact your life?

Thank God today that He is a good King. Thank Him for His love and patience with you. Be honest with Him about your struggles to bow to His kingship. Ask Him to give you the courage to step out in faith and commit your struggles and fears to Him.

Wednesday

Read Exodus 19:5-6, Matthew 6:9-10, 33; 13:31-33, 44-45. According to these verses, what is God's kingdom like?

Why do you think the prayer found in Matthew 6:9-10 is important? Why is it important right now in your life to pray that prayer?

The kingdom of God seems like such an ethereal concept sometimes. What have you learned about God's kingdom to help you understand what a real thing it is?

Thank God today for His kingdom. Thank Him for including you in His kingdom. Ask Him to create a willingness in you to say "Thy will be done" through each part of the day. Pray that as you deal with the details of life you won't forget the eternal kingdom you belong to.

Thursday

Read John 8:31, 15:15; 2 Corinthians 5:20a & 1 Peter 2:9. What are those who belong to God's kingdom called, according to these verses?

It is an amazing thing to realize that the King of all loves you and wants you to be part of His Kingdom and its purpose! Let that truth swirl in your head for a few minutes. Write down two ways this truth can impact your daily life.

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- 2.

Thank God today that He has a purpose for you and a place for you in His kingdom. Ask Him to let that truth impact your daily life. Pray that you will live with an kingdom view of

Friday

Read Matthew 28: 18-20 & John 3:16. Knowing you are part of God's kingdom and God's plan is great but it needs to be more than head and heart knowledge - it needs to have "feet" put to it. Specifically we're talking about sharing the Good News of God's grace with people nearby and around the world. What is the greatest obstacle for you face when it comes to sharing your faith locally? How about globally?

Write down three ways you will you intentionally participate in God's kingdom and His plan to reach out to people.

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- 2.
- 3.

Thank God today for being with you each step of the way. Ask Him to show you opportunities to share your faith and pray for the courage to take them!

Saturday

Look over the memory verse and any devotions you may have missed this week. Take time to sit at God's feet and pray. Please pray that the rest of our *World Outreach Festival* and then the *40 Days of Prayer* will be exciting and effective!