

## The Journey

### The Story of the Bible: Lesson 1 Outline

One Sentence Summary: Reaching all nations for God will bring Him His greatest glory.

#### A. Outline

##### a. Introduction:

- i. Corrie Ten Boom story- she helped Jewish refugees during WWII and was put into a Nazi concentration camp in 1944. While in the camp she was put in isolation and also beaten. People she loved were cruelly treated; some even killed. She was released before she would have been executed. God used her to tell her story all over the world.
- ii. An angel came to Corrie (at 81) and told her that God would give her 10 more years of life. She could have gone to be home with the Lord in five years, but she chose to bring the Father glory by remaining, even though she was in tremendous pain and suffering for the next five years.
- iii. Corrie understood James 1:2 which says, "Consider in pure joy when you face trials of many kinds. If God was going to be glorified, she could be happy, even joyful, because that's what she lived for."
- iv. Her goal in life was not like most Christians: to get from birth to death in the safest, softest, easiest, most comfortable fashion.

##### b. Body

- i. If life is about glorifying God, how much glory do we want to give Him? Some glory, a Lot of glory, Tremendous Glory, or His Greatest glory?
- ii. This material is to help you give God His Greatest glory by World Evangelism.
- iii. World Evangelism
  1. Most people think like Christians and ask, "What do people get out of world evangelism such as the Muslims, the Hindus, the Buddhists,.. they get to go to heaven."
  2. Dogs ask, "What does God get out of evangelizing people from every tongue, tribe and nation?"
    - a. What happens to your vision of God when you worship God with people from other cultures?
    - b. Being all united together in love while worshipping the same God broadens your vision of God.
  3. Principle One - God gets greater glory by unifying that which is diverse.
    - a. Take two diverse things, bring them together in harmony, and God gets greater glory.
      - i. Example- Take a couple on the verge of divorce. Sit them down in the scriptures; see the Holy Spirit bring them to repentance and heal their marriage. All those intimately involved stand in awe of God. God took two people who hated each other, brought

- them together in love and harmony through the blood of Jesus Christ.
- ii. Example- Take a Palestinian terrorist and an Israeli soldier, each of the learn of God's love and yield to it and together they worship in harmony...The world stands in awe of what God has done and that brings God greater glory; more diversity was united.
  - iii. Each time you bring a person of a different culture, more diversity goes into the pot and when united in the blood of Christ, more glory is given to God.
4. Principle Two – When more diversity is united, more glory is given to God. That is why Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of All Nations.”
    - a. When all diversity is united together in the blood of Jesus Christ, and people from ever tongue, tribe and nation are worshipping the Lamb in harmony, our Father will reveal and receive the greatest glory possible.
  5. Life is all about reaching all nations. This is the goal we work and strive for. This is what our churches and families should be about. We reveal His glory through every area of our lives and reach all the nations to bring God His greatest glory.
    - a. John Piper in “Let the Nations Be Glad” in the fifth chapter “How Diversity Magnifies the Glory of God.”-
      - i. “There is a beauty and power that comes from unity in diversity that is greater than that which comes from unity alone.”
        1. For example if you have a piano, a cello, and flute playing in harmony with the melody, it would be a richer sound than individually; with more diversity in harmony, the sound is richer.
      - ii. “The fame and greatness and worth of an object of beauty increases in proportion to the diversity of those who recognize it's beauty.”
        1. “If a work of art is regarded as great among a small and like- minded group of people, but not by others, then the art is probably not that great. But if it gains admirers across cultures, and also decades and centuries, then its greatness is irresistibly manifested.”
      - iii. Bob says, “If God were only prized and worshipped by one people group, and not by the rest, He truly would not be great. When all diversity is united, then God will reveal the greatest glory possible.”
  6. God is keeping track of each people group He has on earth. There is a library of books in heaven

- a. Daniel 10:21- “Book of Truth”
  - b. Malachi 3:16- “ Book of Remembrance”
  - c. Revelation 20:12- “Books that record every deed of each person.”
  - d. Psalm 87:4-6 – God sees the Gentile nations as His spiritual children. “The Lord will write in the register of the peoples: “ This one was born in Zion.”
  - e. Bob believes God is keeping track of every ethnic group because of His commitment to reveal His greatest glory.
- c. Conclusion:
- i. We should ask what can we do on this earth to bring God his greatest glory? The answer is: reach all nations for God.