AVOIDING A LIFE ADRIFT

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WHY DO WE SO OFTEN FIND OUR LIVES ADRIFT?

- 1. I ENCOUNTER STORMS.
- 2. I LACK CLEAR DIRECTION.
- 3. I AM UNCLEAR ABOUT THE DESTINATION.
- 4. I AM TOO EASILY DISTRACTED.

THE SECRET TO KEEPING MYSELF FROM DRIFTING IS SIMPLE.

FIRST I MUST ATTACH MYSELF TO SOMETHING BIGGER THAN MYSELF.

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. . ."

So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them;

male and female he created them.

Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it."

(Gen. 1:26-28a NLT)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14)

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH

GOD CREATED ME TO KNOW & SHOW HIM.

THEN I MUST <u>LIVE MY LIFE</u> HELPING OTHERS <u>GET CONNECTED</u> TOO.

Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

(Jude 21-23 NIV)

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28 ESV)

THE 2 BEST THINGS I CAN DO TO GET OTHERS CONNECTED TO GOD ARE...

1. **INVITE** REGULARLY

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

(Romans 10:13-15 ESV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

(John 13:34,35 ESV)

2. LIVE <u>INTENTIONALLY</u>.

I have become all things to all people, in order that by all means I may save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, in order that I may become a participant with it.

(1 Corinthians 9:22b,23 LEB)

ACTION:
INVITE 1 PERSON TO ATTEND NEXT SUNDAY
ATTEND AN IMPACT COMMUNITY EVENT