“You’re not the boss of me!”
Who’s the boss of me?

• “You are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and spirit, which are His... so don’t be slaves to men! 2Corinthians 6.20, 7.23

• “You were not redeemed with perishable things, like silver and gold, from the empty way of life you inherited from your forefather’s, but by the precious blood of Christ!” 1Peter 1.18,19
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• “You are a purchased people to show the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light!” 2 Peter 2.9

• “Dead with Christ, yet I live, but it’s no longer me but Christ living in me! And the life I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave His life for me!” Galatians 2.20
Just wanted to start on level ground... The Boss of all believers, and disciples, is God!
Meaning He calls the shots, His words are our guide, and His way is our path!
Left off our study...

• Becoming disciples (‘followers’ of Jesus) who love God and love people...
  – On which all the other laws are ‘hung…’
    Matthew 22.37 Galatians 5.1-18
  – “Love does not wrong to anyone; God nor man!” Romans 13.10

• Who know it requires true discipleship to do either well for the long term!
Left off our study...

• The moment we become serious about discipleship, the distractions come!
  – For Jesus: “Seriously, You need to be concerned about what you will eat!”
  – “Before you even get started, You need to prove God regarding your welfare!”
  – “Before You go to all the trouble, just bow and I will give you everything you want!”
  – For us: it’s all that and more!
Left off our study...

• That’s why discipleship, is so important!
  – Love God, love people, this is the fulfillment of My commands! Mt 22.37-40
  – And make disciples of all people teaching them to obey all My commands to love God and people and to make disciples! Matthew 28.20
  – Who fend off all other gods, ‘suitors,’ idols, (which would be adultery)!
So, God is Boss...

• Original declaration: “I am the Lord your God, you will have no other gods before Me!”  Exodus 20.1-5

• Jesus reiteration: “You will love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment.”  Mark 12.30
So, God is Boss...

• Original declaration: No other gods, no idols, real or implied!
  – No compromised rule/philosophies!
  – No syncretism: sun-kretismos: no merging of two or more different forms of belief into one to make it acceptable to all!

• Jesus reiteration: make no place, leave no space, for another god/rule!
Four gods to choose from!

• God: whose rule is without end, whose power is eternal, whose words never change, whose love never fails!

• Self: whose rule is without knowledge, wisdom or strength to sustain!

• Others: whose rule is cruel and fickle!

• Satan: whose rule is ‘flexible,’ cruel, temporary, and who delights in #2 or 3!
From the beginning...

• Mankind chose Satan’s suggestion to rule ourselves: “to be like God!”
  – He came seeking whom he could devour!
  – He came and blinded the eyes of those who ‘disbelieved!’
  – He came to deceive us, steal our rule, kill (introducing death) and ongoingly destroy!
  – And gleefully took the rule over us!
Until now...

• His pervasive rule has been deceiving, stealing from, destroying... *believers!*

  – Who told us we would be okay when we took God out of the classroom?
  – Who made the way for *people* to cover their rights over their bodies w/abortion?
  – Who wrote the narrative about the ‘right’ to do what we wanted with our bodies?
Until now...

• His pervasive rule has been deceiving, stealing from, destroying... *believers!*
  – Who paved the way to redefine the family foundation?
  – Who equalized cohabitation w/marriage?
  – Who told us that if we couldn’t satisfy ourselves that we could take what we wanted from others... by cunning or force?
Until now...

- His pervasive rule has been deceiving, stealing from, destroying... believers!
  - Who convinced us that tolerance, acceptance and normalization of what is ungodly is love?
  - That disagreement/correction is ‘hate?’
  - That “we” don’t need the ‘church’ or others for discipleship/relief/spirituality?
The Church...

- Wounded w/immorality and divorce!
  - Need the recovered to speak the truth that health, hope, love can be restored!
  - Need victims to reject the narrative of the world to accept the counsel of the word!
  - To yield themselves to the discipleship and wisdom of recoverees...
  - Learning from people who have been through it, faith-triumphant!
The Church...

- Overrun with alcohol and drugs!
  - Shocking how so many secular recovered alcoholics are sounding the alarm!
  - Drinking has surged during pandemic!
  - Simple test: “I’m not going to drink this week/month!” If can’t, gone too far!
- Worse in the sacred community because it’s going backward on a faith response to trust in God for all relief!
The Church...

- Swarmed by the ‘east-asian arts’ performed at the feet of idols!
  - Yogi’s exercises and animalist poses!
  - Martial artists with graduating degrees toward spirit guides!
  - KHOU’s moment of Zen!
  - All forms of eastern philosophies complete with *implied*, albeit invisible or undeclared, idols! 2Corinthians 6.15-18
So, if we choose God as Boss...

- “We will have no other gods before, in the midst of, or after Him!” X20.1-5
- We will create the world we live in with His word, not our words!
  - “Power of death and life are in the tongue!” Proverbs 18.21
  - “Can sweet and bitter water flow from the same fountain?” James 3.11
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  – “Out of the abundance of our hearts our mouths speak out... good for good things, evil for evil things... our words justify or condemn us... none are idle and all will be accounted for!” Mt 12.34-37
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• We will ‘follow’ Him in all His ways, doing His words as disciples, disciplined to say “Yes!”

• And we will reject all other suitors!