Your Life Map

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Thesis:

Finding the Life Map God Has For You, Requires Accepting the Surprise of His Kingdom Rule Over You!

Introduction:

This World Map Vss. God's Kingdom Map

I. Your Life Map Starts Off With A Surprise! (Luke 9: 57 – 62)

57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."

58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me."

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of

God." Bones = One Year Delay To Plow With One Hand, One Must Lean Forward With Focus

(Matthew 10:39) He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Lose your life map to find God's map for you!

II. Your Life Map Will Lead You To Living in God's Kingdom Rule! (Luke 13: 22 – 29)

22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them,

24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,'

26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'

27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 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, and yourselves thrust out.

29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. "...a few who are saved?" –

Clearly identified as disciples.

"strive to enter..." Greek-parapateo - "strive" With Maximum Strength, Strain of every nerve to enter.

The <u>road</u> to the <u>narrow gate</u> is on God's map and it's <u>not</u> easy to <u>follow</u>. Many are not <u>able</u> to <u>enter</u>, because it's too <u>difficult</u> for them in their opinion.

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"in the kingdom of God" By faith in Christ for - soul salvation for - being in His Kingdom

Yielding to His Sovereignty as Your King and Your Lord!

<mark>(Luke 11:20)</mark>

But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

(Luke 17: 20 – 21)

20 Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation;

21 nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!'[a] For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

Your Life Map Will Lead You To Opportunities To Do Good!

<mark>(Galatians 6: 9 – 10)</mark>

9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Opportunity to Do Good To All

<mark>(I John 1: 6 – 7)</mark>

6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Your Life Map <u>safely leads</u> you to <u>walk</u> in the <u>light</u>, not like the World's map that takes you through the <u>dark</u>. Practice <u>truth</u> and <u>love</u> the brethren.

Conclusion:

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