

NOT OF IT #4
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***"If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."* John 15:19 NIV**

(NOT) BOUND BY _____.

***"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?"* Mark 8:34-36 NLT**

Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said, "because they are mine to give to anyone I please. I will give it all to you if you will worship me." Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" Luke 4:5-8 NIV

LOSING THE WORLD AND GAINING YOUR SOUL INVOLVES...

VS

"Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry. Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread. But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'" Luke 4:1-3 NLT

"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you." Romans 8:5-9 NLT

VS

"This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 MSG

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG

VS

“But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.” Matthew 23:11-12 NIV

“Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don’t be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.” Philippians 2:3-4 MSG

“He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire, he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.” Psalm 40:2-3 NIV

“LOSING” THE WORLD REQUIRES GAINING INNER CONFIDENCE

“I ask the Father in his great glory to give you the power to be strong inwardly through his Spirit. I pray that Christ will live in your hearts by faith and that your life will be strong in love and be built on love. And I pray that you and all God’s holy people will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ’s love—how wide and how long and how high and how deep that love is. Christ’s love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:16-19 NCV

INWARDLY STRONG MEANS SECURE IN GOD’S LOVE

I AM _____ BY GOD

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“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7 NIV

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION:

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT SOMEONE BELONGS TO SOMEONE?

WHAT DID JESUS HAVE TO DO TO “GAIN THE WORLD” SATAN WAS OFFERING? HOW DOES THAT APPLY TO US AS WE LIVE IN THE WORLD?

WHICH ASPECT OF “LOSING THE WORLD” CHALLENGES YOU THE MOST? WHAT DOES THE CHALLENGE PERSONALLY LOOK LIKE?

OBEYING GOD v GRATIFYING SELF

GIVING v KEEPING

ELEVATING OTHERS v EDIFYING SELF

HOW DOES BEING SECURE IN GOD’S LOVE HELP YOU WIN THE BATTLE?

HOW CAN YOU BE BETTER “ROOTED” AND “BUILT UP” IN YOU RWALK TODAY?