

## *Pk's Perspectives ... The Journey Begins Right Now*

I have no doubt that in the hearts of men and women there is a yearning to live the quest. We are all haunted with the fear of living lives of insignificance, and we all hear the voice that tells us we can live the dream. Somehow we all know that to play it safe is to lose the game. By definition an adventure is “an undertaking or enterprise of a hazardous nature.” And life as God intended us to live it is nothing less than an adventure. It comes at great risk and at significant cost. Jesus summarized it like this: “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.” (Luke 9:24)

Jesus calls us to live a life of unimaginable adventure. It begins the moment we choose to follow Him. It is no less than to pass from existence to life. Though we are not taken out of time and space, we are translated into an entirely different dimension of living. Jesus tells us that He is the portal into this life and the quest that follows. In John 10:9-10 He declares, “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” This adventurous, full life is the explosive result that occurs when who God is so shapes who we are that it changes the way we live life. How we view God dramatically affects the persons we become. How we understand God to work radically affects the life we live in God. The subtle shift from following Jesus to receiving Jesus is significant. The first demands our movement to God; the second allows us to remain stationary as God comes to us. When Jesus walked this earth, His disciples had to keep up with Him. If they were to stay close, they had to choose to leave the life they lived without Him and go wherever He would go. The quest is to live the life God created you to experience. The journey begins right now — in this moment. And whatever you do, don't underestimate what you may find!

When we step into Christ, we find the open fields of life. We are translated from one kingdom into another. We no longer need to fear the thief who comes to steal, kill, and destroy. We now begin a quest to strip the thief of all he holds captive and return it to God. Jesus is inviting us on a divine adventure. He's calling us to be spiritual pioneers, explorers, and even warriors. To respond to this calling is to accept that you will be a sojourner relinquishing the security of being a settler. To follow Jesus is to chose to forever to be an alien and stranger in this world. You will never be the ideal citizen or even a permanent resident of this planet we know as earth. (*from Seizing Your Divine Moments by Erwin McManus*)

*If you're involved in one of our Sunday morning small groups, I applaud you! The small group setting provides opportunity for spiritual and relational growth that can't be duplicated in a large worship setting. If you've yet to connect with a small group, why not start this Sunday? PK*