

Teaching Notes for "... Are We Willing to Go a Little Farther?"

NewSong Church Pastor David Haltom Sunday, November 5th, 2023

Today's Focal LifeText: "He went **a little farther**, and **fell on His face**, and **prayed...**"

Matthew 26:39 Amplified (parallel verse to **Mark 14:35** & **Luke 22:41**)



Today's LifeText: **Matthew 26:36-39** Amplified ...

God's Word shows us that throughout Jesus' 33 years on earth, He always "**went a little farther**" in every _____ moment that He held, in every _____ that He performed, in every _____ which He conducted and in every _____ that He touched - that was just consistent with His divine character!

1 Peter 3:18, John 3:16, Luke 9:23 Amplified, **Ephesians 3:16-19** NLT, **2 Corinthians 4:14a**

In Biblical times, a Roman soldier, under imperial Roman law could demand or command that a Jewish man or boy carry his load or burden for **up to** one mile, but no farther!

Matthew 5:41 ESV says, "And if anyone forces (compels) you to go one mile, go with him two miles."

As Christians, we are asked to **go a little further – to go the _____ mile**. It is easy to do the **very _____** that we are asked to do, but what God wants us to do is to go _____ **and _____ what we are _____ to do**. This principle applies to every area of our lives today—in our relationships, at home, at school, at our jobs, etc.

The **extra mile** is caring _____ about the _____ / _____ as if you were working for God: **Colossians 3:23**

"**extra-mile / second mile service**" gives you & I an opportunity to _____ the lives of others. A person with an **extra-mile attitude** is someone who _____ **more** than others think is **necessary**, _____ **more** than others think is **safe**, _____ **more** than others think is **possible**, and _____ **more** than what others think is **practical**.

Matthew 5:46-48 TPT

As **followers of Christ**, we're to **always do _____ than is _____ (asked of us)**.

Mile #1 – "**_____ Mile**" This is the mile of "**duty**" / this is **bare minimum of what's required!**

Mile #2 – "**_____ Mile**" a **sincere love-motivated/fueled extra mile of service / living**

By going the extra, or second mile, you live by a _____ standard - _____. The willingness to go the second mile, allows you to go the next mile **with someone** – going & doing **MORE** than is **expected** which can lead to _____ for us to _____ Christ & _____ His love for us and our love for Him!

1 John 3:18 NLT

"**Going further** than others **expect** will **change** you and will **brighten the light you shine**. It will also **shock** those around you. They likely have never met someone who goes **the extra mile**. Perhaps they will even see you as part of **a church that practices this lifestyle** and **be led to become part of this great family (of God)**."

~ Dan Jenkins, "He Went a Little Further," 2-27-2015; Palm Beach Lakes Church of Christ

Malachi 3:18

A sincere _____ for "**going a little farther**" spiritually _____ / _____ / _____ us for what is to come on our forward journey North – that is our living _____ in our **faith** through **Second Mile Service / Living!**

Going the Second Mile is a powerful _____ of our _____ for the _____ of Christ in our life. Only those who've **truly** _____ the love of Jesus Christ have lives that clearly reflect this **thankfulness / gratitude** because only they are **capable of journeying along the second mile!**

The **Second Mile** covers _____ we do and _____ we do it. It is **going _____ what is _____**. It is _____ the expectations _____ to us.

John 12:26 Amplified

True Second Mile Service / Living demands _____, oftentimes @ great _____ & _____ that is _____ to achieve w/out the **strength, support & love** which only comes through a _____ with Jesus Christ!

Galatians 2:20 TLB

The Christian life is to be lived on **God's terms-not our terms**. When we follow Jesus Christ, we **can't** pick & choose what we want / don't want to do. He alone directs our life purposes in the seasons / activities of our lives. Second Mile living will _____ lead to a life that is _____, rather, one that is _____ **in the Lord!**

Ephesians 3:20

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