

If your DVD player  
or your DVR box gives out  
what are you likely to do:

- a) never watch movies or TV again
  - b) attempt to fix it yourself
  - c) take it to a repair shop
  - d) replace it
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IMPERATIVE**

**#3 “SEARCH  
AND RESCUE”**



Bible Reading: Mark 2:13-17 ESV

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## MARK 2:13-17 ESV

<sup>13</sup> He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them.

<sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

## MARK 2:13-17 ESV

<sup>15</sup> And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

<sup>16</sup> And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

## MARK 2:13-17 ESV

<sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them,  
“Those who are well have no need of a physician,  
but those who are sick.  
I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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## ... TO CALL SINNERS

Luke 19:9-10 *ESV*

“to seek and to save the lost. “

Matthew 20:28 *ESV*

“to give his life as a ransom for many”

John 10:10 *ESV*

“that they may have life”

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## ... TO CALL SINNERS (CONTINUED)

John 3:16-17 ESV

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## HIS MISSION, OUR MISSION

John 3:16-17 ESV

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Mark 16:15 ESV

<sup>15</sup> And he [Jesus] said to them [his disciples],  
“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel  
to the whole creation.”

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## **MISSION: IMPERATIVE = “I HAVE COME...”**

### #1 Sent into Action

“to do ... the will of him who sent me.” (John 6:38)

### #2 Fulfilling Past Commitments

“to fulfill the Law or the Prophets.” (Matthew 5:17)

### #3 Search and Rescue

“to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)

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## MISSION: IMPERATIVE = “I HAVE COME...”

#4 Armed and Dangerous

“to give division on earth.” (Luke 12:51)

#5 Serve and Give

“to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

#6 Delivering Life Abundant

“that they may have life and have it abundantly”  
(John 10:10)

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“Few of us reside in a life story filled with endless excitement and amazement. Stuck in the tedious and sometimes painful experiences of our lives, many of us wonder where it is, exactly, that our life and God’s story meet.”

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## IS MY LIFE PART OF GOD'S STORY WHEN:

- + the baby's diaper needs changing again?
- + the paycheck is short of the bills?
- + the doctor recommends a few more tests?
- + a husband or wife walk out?
- + an angry child screams "I hate you"?

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**IT'S IN THESE THANKLESS MOMENTS  
THAT OUR LIVES TOUCH GOD'S STORY  
BY EMBRACING THE ROLL  
OF SELFLESS HERO:**

- + sacrificing your own enjoyment for the sake of that tiny, helpless baby;
- + playing the financial role with determination, not as a helpless victim;

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+ the devastated outcast remains  
courageously faithful in the midst of unfaithfulness;  
+ resisting revenge as a heartbroken parent,  
and instead showing love;  
+ facing death with head held high,  
knowing your life doesn't end with physical death.

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## ACTION STEP #1

Eating with

“he was eating with sinners” (Mark 2:16)

## ACTION STEP #2

Faith@Home

“at table in his house” (Mark 2:15)

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## ACTION STEP #3

Invitation

“to call ... sinners” (Mark 2:13-17)

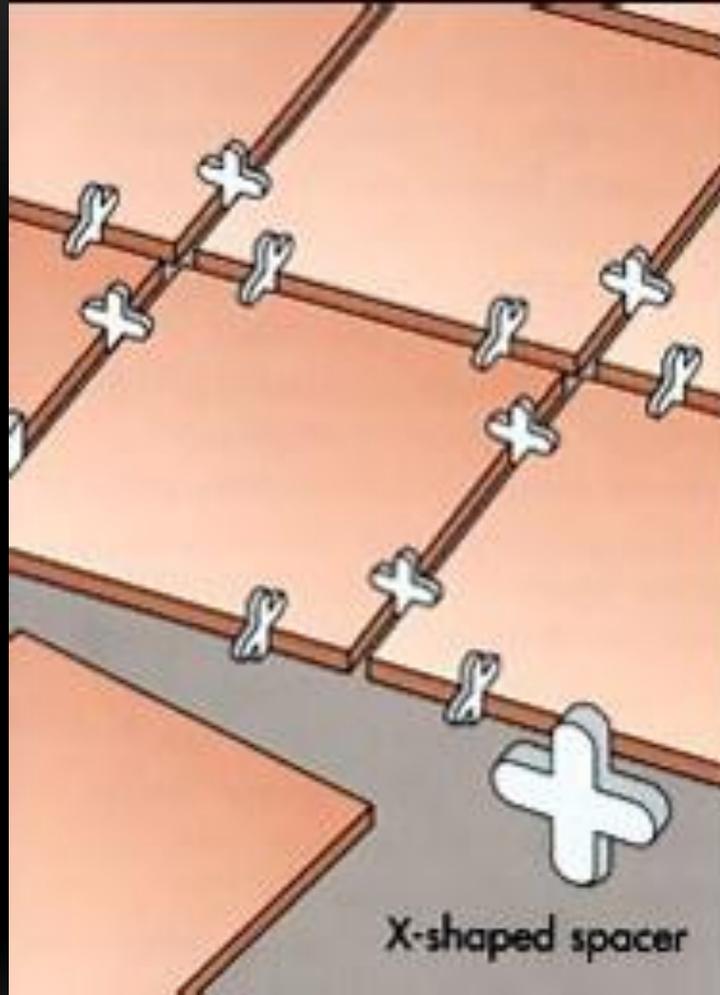
## **ACTION STEP #4**

“to seek and to save the lost”

(Luke 19:10)

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## LUKE 15:7 *ESV*

... there will be more joy in heaven  
over one sinner who repents  
than over ninety-nine righteous persons  
who need no repentance.

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