



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Finding Ourselves

She was described by those leading the search as “*Asian, about 160 cm, in dark clothing and speaks English well.*”

The woman had been reported missing from an Icelandic tour bus after her fellow travelers claimed that she had gotten off the bus but never returned.

It turned out that she had, in fact, returned, but wasn’t recognized by the other passengers. The search was called off when the woman finally realized that the description matched her. It turned out that she was one of the nearly 50 people who had been searching for her (*CBS News August 30, 2012; Yahoo News August 29, 2012*). She had found herself.

Sometimes we find ourselves, as well:

We may find ourselves lost, alone and afraid. The Bible teaches us that God will find us and strengthen us (**Ezekiel 34:16**), that we need not be afraid (**John 14:27; Psalm 34:4**), and that we don’t have to be alone (**Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 1:23**).

We may find ourselves to be lacking. However, we read in **James 1:2-4** that when our faith is tested and we learn endurance, we will be lacking in nothing.

We may find ourselves in over our heads. That’s when we need to remember that God cares about us enough to allow us to cast our anxieties on Him (**1 Peter 5:7**).

We may find ourselves on the wrong side of God’s law (1 John 3:4). But the Holy Spirit teaches us that because of Jesus, our sins and lawless deeds will be remembered no more (**Hebrews 10:17**).

Luke 19:10 simply, yet profoundly, states that Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Rather than find ourselves, we need to let Jesus find us.

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Be All That You Can Be

“I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery; I may never fly over the enemy, but I’m in the Lord’s Army.”

From 1980 to 2001, the popular recruiting slogan was used to imply that it is only in the United States Army that you can “*Be All That You Can Be.*” While the U.S. Army is pertinent to our nation and has a lot to offer to recruits, it is not the army where one truly can reach his fullest capacity. Rather, the Lord’s Army is the only place where you can “Be All That You Can Be.”

You see, it is only in the Lord’s Army that the Captain of the Host is perfect. He’s been through the drills; He’s passed every test. He has experienced every temptation that His soldiers can experience, and yet remained without error through it all. He “*was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin*” (**Hebrews 4:15**).

Furthermore, it is only in the Lord’s Army that the Captain of the Host has all power. No doubt, captains in the U.S. Army have great authority and ability, but they do not have complete authority and ability. In the Lord’s Army, the Captain has ALL power. He is on record as saying to some of his soldiers, “*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth*” (**Matthew 28:18**).

Finally, it is pertinent that we understand that it is only in the Lord’s Army that the Captain of the Host offers ultimate protection. The U.S. Army is strong, but protection lacks in comparison to the Lord’s Army. Even with the great strength of the U.S. Army, the faithful soldier can lose and the entire nation can lose. Such is not so in the Lord’s Army. For, He is the Captain of our eternal salvation from sin (**Hebrews 2:10**), and He has guaranteed victory for the faithful soldier: “*To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne*” (**Revelation 3:21**).

Faith, repentance, confession, and baptism for remission of sins grants you an entrance into the Lord’s Army. Are you in His Army? If yes, are you endeavoring to “*Be All That You Can Be?*” “*Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him*” (**Colossians 3:17**). “*I may never march in the infantry, ride in the cavalry, shoot the artillery; I may never fly over the enemy, but I’m in the Lord’s Army.*”

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