



The Messiah and the Mission

Isaiah 53 & 55

Isaiah 55:1-3

The Call to Contentment and Security

From 'Messiah' to 'Mission'

'Come...come...come...come' (v1)

'Come' ALWAYS leads to 'Go!'

"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."
(Mt 4:19)

"Fundamentally, our mission ... means our committed participation as **God's people**, at **God's invitation** and command, in **God's own mission** within the history of **God's world** for the redemption of **God's creation**."

(Christopher Wright, *Mission of God*, emphasis added!)

Find FULL Contentment (v1) ...and show the world He satisfies

‘Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.’

Thirst-quenching, eternally satisfying water!

“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow *from within* them.” (John 3:37-38)

From us, not just within us.

Absolutely free to receive, we can buy it without money.

“Freely you have received; freely give.” (Matthew 10:8)

Do we find FULL contentment in God? Does it show?

Don't Settle for Less (v2) ...and show the world there's a better way

‘Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare’

Babylon or back home: Don't settle for EXILE, when FREEDOM is on offer.

If we look no different, we have nothing to offer!

“If you belonged to this 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.” (John 15:19)

Do we believe what God offers is ‘the richest of fare’? Does it show?

Eternal Security (v3) ...to show the world something that will last

‘Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David.’

A matter of life and death...in a world terrified by death.

NOTHING else will last, and things last even less long than they use to!

“But store up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:20-21)

Do we live panicking for today? Or securely for eternity? Does it show?



B — Begin With Prayer



L — Listen



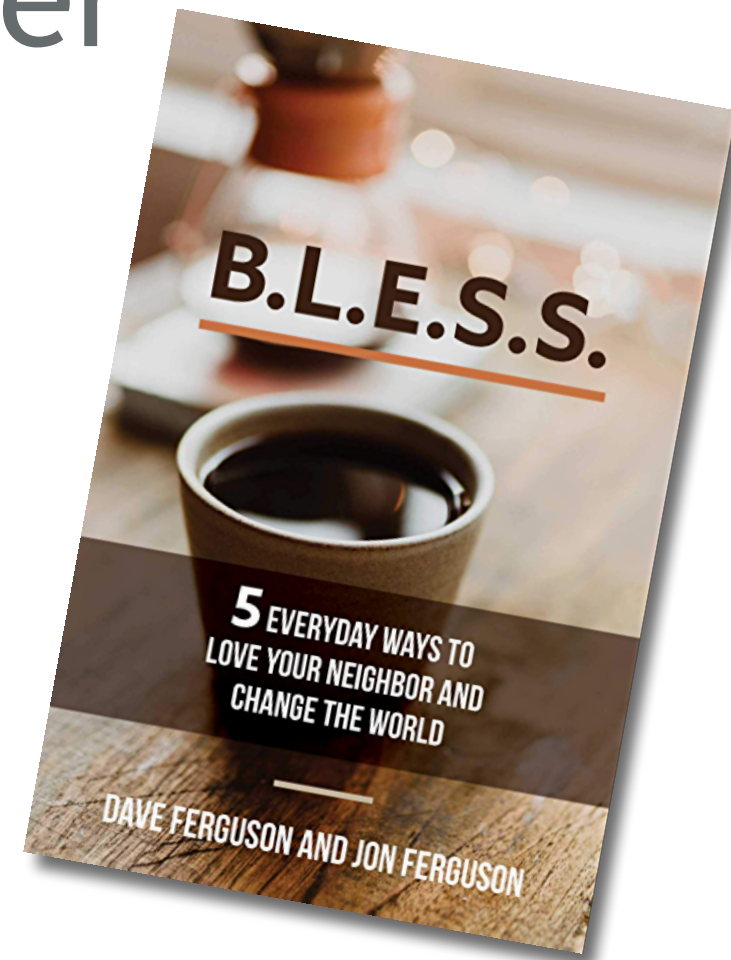
E — Eat Together



S — Serve



S — Story: Share Yours





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