

A dramatic, painterly illustration of a man in a small, simple boat navigating through a massive, dark, and turbulent sea. The man is seen from behind, holding a long wooden pole. He is looking through a large, circular opening in the water, which reveals a bright, hazy city skyline with several tall buildings. The sky above the city is filled with soft, white clouds and a few birds in flight. The overall mood is one of hope and divine intervention.

CALLING

GOD CALLS, GOD PROVIDES, GOD FULFILLS

**Where am I going,
and why am I in this
hand basket?**

The Weightiness of our lives

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. (Gen 1:27)

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

The Weightiness of our lives

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus... And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise. (Gal 3:26a, 29)

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God. (Rom 8:15-16)

The Weightiness of our lives

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1Tim 1:17)

A man who is in Christ is a son of God, the King eternal, and therefore an heir to God's kingdom. That means that we are in fact princes...we are royalty.

The Weightiness of our lives

Our lives are too big...

to be defined by what we do

Our lives have too much weight...

to rest on others' choices

Our lives are far too glorious...

to simply be “understood”

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The Weightiness of our lives

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Time with God

- Lord, who do I really believe I am? What do I believe to be true about me?
- What has happened that I have taken as confirmation?
- Lord, do I believe that I am a prince in your kingdom; a fellow heir to all that is good?
- Lord, will you show me where I don't believe You about who I am?
- Is there anything else that you would like to address with this, Lord?

The Mystery of our lives



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Training our eyes to see the things of God takes the work of God

Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

(2Ki 6:17)

The Mystery of our lives

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

(Rom 11:29)

Gifts = Charisma

Calling = Invitation

- The mystery IS the adventure, and the adventure is God's calling...His invitation

The Mystery of our lives

Journaling...

Your life is worth living...
therefore it is worth recording

Time with God

- Lord, what is your invitation to me right now?
- Jesus, what would you like to say to my heart?
- Lord, do you really have more for me? Really?
- Is there anything else that you would like to say to me?

Homework

- If you don't have one, GET A JOURNAL!!!
- Take what you wrote tonight and read it again when you have more time...keep going!
- Pray for the guys who are hear...all of us
- Put your \$40 in your journal and bring them both next week

Where do we merge from here?

You have a weightiness to your life,
for you are in fact created in the image
of God, the King eternal.

You ARE a royal son,
a man of noble birth

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