

WANT MORE?

I-LOVE GOD



NOT MONEY

2-CONFIDENCE



IN GOD

**3-WEALTH
& GENEROSITY**

WANT MORE?
ENCOUNTER GOD





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YOU ARE
NOT FAR



THE STORY OF ONE OF THE SCRIBES

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Mark 12:28-34 ESV

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Mark 12:32-34 ESV

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Mark 12:34 ESV

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The Gospel of Mark

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JESUS' TRIUMPHANT ENTRY TO JERUSALEM

JESUS CURSED THE FIG TREE FOR NOT BEARING FRUIT

JESUS TOLD THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

THE SCRIBE ASKED ABOUT WHICH IS "THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT"

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JESUS CLEARED THE TEMPLE COURTS (TURNED TABLE OF MONEY CHANGERS)

THE CHIEF PRIESTS, TEACHERS OF THE LAW, ELDERS QUESTIONED JESUS' AUTHORITY

PHARISEES QUESTIONED JESUS ON TAX TO CEASAR

SADDUCEES QUESTIONED JESUS ON RESURRECTION AND MARRIAGES

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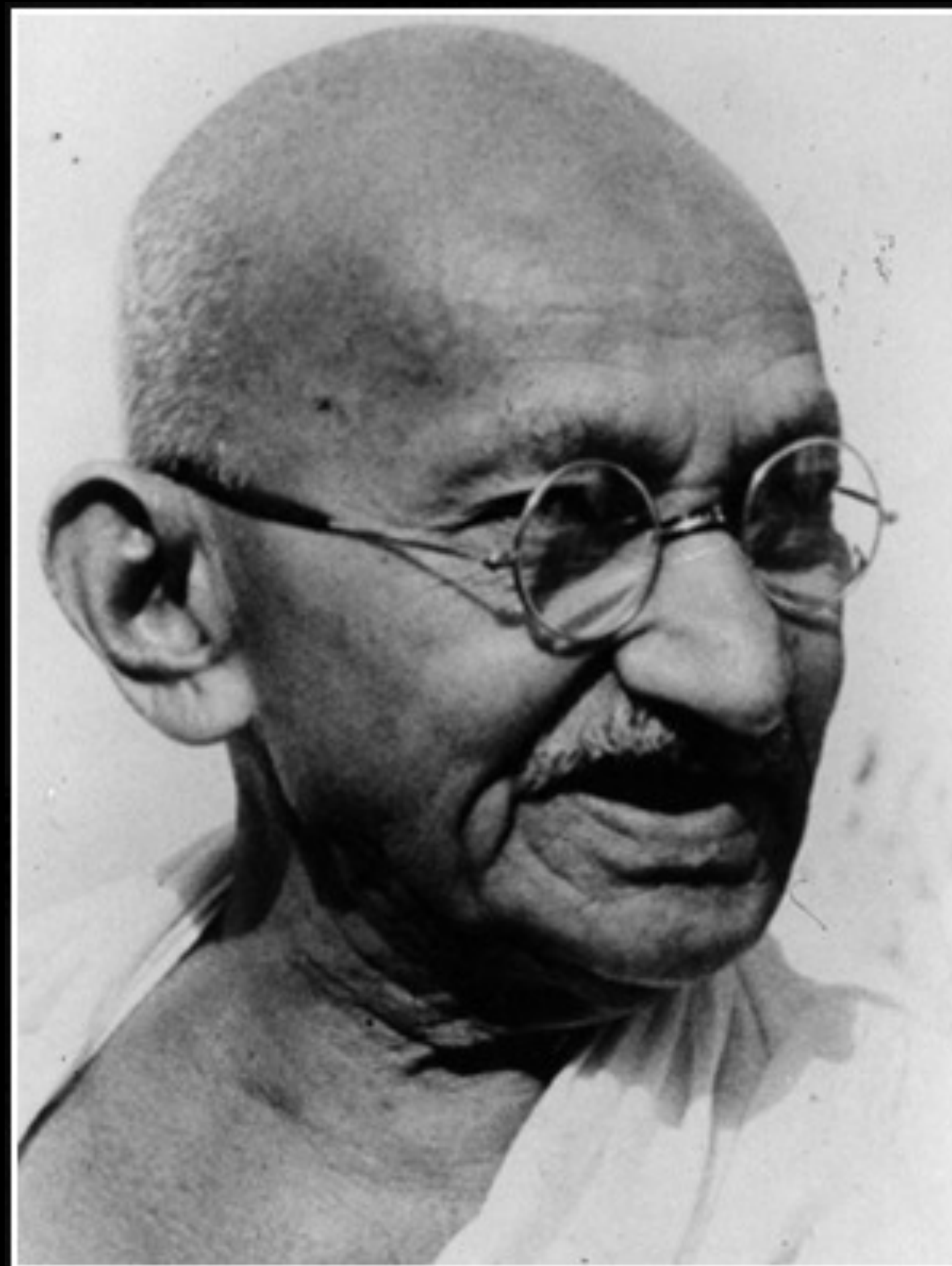
YOU ARE
NOT FAR
FROM THE
KINGDOM OF GOD

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What is “NOT FAR” ?

- = still far, not near;
- = almost but not there yet;
- = near but not inside yet;
- = *“I’m back but not home yet”*;



I like your Christ. I do not like your
Christians. Your Christians are so
unlike your Christ.

— *Mahatma Gandhi* —

AZ QUOTES

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What is “**NEAR**” ?

- = near but separated;
- = nearly, almost;
- = so near yet so far;
- = eg. gps, exam, e-wallet;
- = eg. team-mates;

WHY IS IT THAT PEOPLE ARE “**NOT FAR**” AND “**NOT IN**” THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

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1- Is it because it is not worthwhile to enter ?

2- Is it because there are some stumbling block ?

3- Is it because not wanting to make the full-commitment?

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IF YOU ARE NOT FAR
WHAT CAN
YOU DO **IN** THE
KINGDOM OF GOD ?

**# I LOVE GOD
WITH ALL YOU HAVE**

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Mark 12:30 ESV

³⁰ *And you shall **love the Lord** your God
with all your **heart** and
with all your **soul** and
with all your **mind** and
with all your **strength.**'*

**IS THE LAW GOOD?
WHAT'S THE PURPOSE
OF THE LAW?**



Romans 7:12 ESV

*So the law **is holy**,
and the commandment **is holy**
and **righteous** and **good**."*

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**DOES THE LAW KEEP YOU
RUNNING AWAY FROM GOD
OR KEEP YOUR DRAWING
CLOSER TO GOD?**







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Exodus 19:5-6 ESV

*Now therefore, if you will indeed **obey** my voice and **keep** my covenant, you shall be **my treasured possession** among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me **a kingdom of priests** and **a holy nation.**' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."*

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1 Peter 2:9 NIV

*But you are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
God's special possession, that you
may declare the praises of him who
called you out of darkness into his
wonderful light.*

Leviticus 11:44

*“I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and
be holy, because I am holy.”*

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WHAT'S THE **PURPOSE** OF THE LAW ?

- = TO **MAKE** US HOLY
- = TO **SHAPE** US INTO HIS IMAGE
- = TO **LEAD** US TO CHRIST



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Galatians 3:24 NASB

*“Therefore **the Law** has become our guardian **to lead us to Christ**, so that we may be justified by faith.”*”

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Romans 7:7 ESV

What then shall we say?

That the law is sin? By no means!

Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.

For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

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WITH ALL YOU HAVE**

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**#2 LOVE PEOPLE
WHERE YOU ARE**

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Parenting

Rules without Relationship = Rebellion

Relationship without Rules = Chaos

**Relationship + Rules =
Respect and Responsibility.**

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Romans 13:8-9b NIV

“Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law...whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.””

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Galatians 5:14 NIV

“For **the entire law** is fulfilled in keeping this one command:

“**Love your neighbor as yourself.**”

James 2:8 NIV

If you really keep **the royal law** found in Scripture, “**Love your neighbor as yourself,**” you are doing right.

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