



George and Awn in Thailand



At Bhu's Birthday I had a conversation with someone about the Life of Christ. Later I listened to someone tell his story about God's direction in his life.

I said, "If you read the life of Christ as a bunch of short stories you'll be okay. They're amazing stories. But if you try and understand the flow of His life, you'll be in for some real challenges."

We see the life of Christ as a bunch of snap shots or short stories. Here are some:

1. When Jesus Teaches in His home town, Nazareth.
2. When He sends out the 12 in pairs.
3. John's Death at the hands of Harod.
4. The Disciples excitement and report after they were sent out.
5. Feeding of the five thousand.
6. The disciples are sent by boat to Bethsaida without Jesus. Jesus walks on water and Peter gets out of the Boat.
7. Jesus healing people at Gennesaret.

If we take 1 John 2.6 seriously we need to look at how Jesus walked... "the one who says that he remains in Him ought, himself, walk just as He walked." You see everything 1-7 above is chapter 6 or Mark.

1, 2, 3 and 4 is exhausting and Jesus says, Let's get away to a quiet place, Mark 6:31. But it did not work. He ended up with 5000 people to feed. So he sends the 12 by boat to Bethsaida, the very north of the Sea. But they never actually get there. After the storm they land in Gennesaret, the very west of the sea. Quite a ways off course.

Why? I mean Jesus says go north and after He joins them they end up in the west. Strange. Another good question is, What is the difference (besides geography) between these two places? (Hint it is religious) And the best question is, has God ever done that to you? You feel like he is sending you one place and you wind up in another?

That was my friend's story. He felt God was leading him to engage Muslims and God created a storm keeping him among Buddhists.

If God has done the same with you, I would be interested in your story, tell me.

Many times following Jesus is like that. We head off in one direction and end up in a whole different place. Are we okay with that?

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