

A person wearing khaki pants and brown boots is walking across a wooden plank bridge in a forest. The background is filled with tall, thin trees and green foliage. The word "RESCUE" is overlaid in large white letters with a black outline.

RESCUE

OUR CORE VALUES



4 Reasons Salvation is Important to Us

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BEGINS IN A PERSON'S LIFE EVEN BEFORE THEY ARE SAVED

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⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. – [John 16:8-11](#)

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Other Examples

- Acts 10:1-6
- Acts 11:15-18
- Eph 1:4-12
- 1 Pet 1: 1&2

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JESUS COMMANDS **US** TO
MAKE DISCIPLES OF THE
NATIONS

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“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” – John
20:21

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¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” – [Rom. 10:13-15](#)

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CULTURAL FORMS AND MAN-MADE TRADITIONS CONSTANTLY NEED TO BE ADAPTED TO WIN AS MANY AS POSSIBLE FROM EVERY CULTURE, TRIBE AND LANGUAGE

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¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

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²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. – 1 Cor. 9:19-23

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BOTH BELIEVERS AND ENQUIRERS CAN EXPERIENCE THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH THE BELIEVERS' USE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS AS THE CHURCH GATHERS AND SCATTERS

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²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!" – [1 Cor. 14:24-25](#)

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Therefore, we value:

1. The importance of corporate and individual prayer as a catalyst to the Holy Spirit's work in people's lives.
2. Actually seeing people come to faith in Christ.
3. Spiritual gifts being used in such a way that unbelievers experience the work of God in their lives.

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Therefore, we value:

4. Regularly identifying, adapting and adopting cultural forms that will aid winning people for Jesus and discarding those that are an unnecessary obstacle to people coming to faith in Jesus.
5. Equipping, empowering and enabling people to serve God in the power of the Spirit both as we gather as His church and scatter as His church.



Therefore, we value:

6. Signs, wonders, miracles and gifts of the Spirit as a necessary aspect in communicating the good news of the kingdom.

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A Failure to understand God's Love

WE HAVE **OVER-PERSONALISED**
THE MAGNIFICENT LOVE OF GOD

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A Failure to understand God's Love

46 If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. 47 If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that. 48 But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect. – Matt. 5:46-48

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A Failure to understand God's Love

SOMEHOW WE CAN SPEND TIME
WITH THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW
THAT LOVE AND OUR HEARTS
ARE HARD TOWARDS THEM

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Losing your First Love

⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. – Rev. 2:4-5

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Losing your First Love

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. – 1 Cor. 13:1-3

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A Failure to understand God's Love

WITHOUT LOVE WE ARE JUST A
NOISE IN A SPACE. LOST AND
DISCORDANT

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Evangelism flows out of Love

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ **This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

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¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. – [1 John 4:8-12](#)

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⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – [Rom. 5:8](#)

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¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – [John 3:16](#)

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THERE WILL BE MORE JOY IN HEAVEN
OVER ONE SINNER WHO REPENTS THAN
OVER NINETY-NINE RIGHTEOUS
PERSONS WHO NEED NO REPENTANCE.

LUKE 15:4-7

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