

Strangers, Not Spectators – Part 2



We are Citizens of Another Kingdom

We are Foreign Nationals

We are Strangers Here

Our Citizenship Is in Heaven

Strangers Don't Settle In

The Strange Ones of the Faith

The Cost and the Joy of Being a Stranger

The Danger of Becoming Spectators

The Danger of Withdrawal

Our Calling Is Active, Not Passive

The Danger of Blending In

The Danger of Getting Comfortable Too Early

God's Call to Faithful Presence

We are called to be Salt and Light

We Are Workers in the Harvest

We Are Lights in the Darkness

We are Ambassadors

Living _____ Lives

(1 Peter 2:11–12) Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. {12} Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Modern Examples of _____

The Power of _____ Faithfulness

Jesus _____ Faithful Presence

(John 1:10) He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

Jesus was the Perfect _____ of a Stranger, not a Spectator

(John 18:36) Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

How to _____ as a Stranger, Without Becoming a Spectator

1. Stay Rooted in Scripture

(John 17:17) Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

2. Stay Fueled by Prayer

(1 Thessalonians 5:17) pray continually;

3. Stay Connected to the Body

(Hebrews 10:25) Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4. Stay Engaged in Good Works

(Titus 3:8) This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

In the _____ But Not of It

(John 17:14–18) I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. {15} My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. {16} They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. {17} Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. {18} As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

What Does It _____ Like to Be a Stranger, Not a Spectator?

1. The stranger lives with a visibly different value system.

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2. The stranger is free from the anxieties of spectating.

3. The stranger brings the culture of another kingdom into every room he enters.

Four Biblical _____ that shape the way we walk this out

1. We must daily remember our true citizenship.

(Philippians 3:20) But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

2. We must refuse to withdraw or conform.

3. We must be active agents of the Kingdom, where we are.

(Matthew 28:19–20) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

4. We live by pursuing holiness that is attractive, not annoying.

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Getting _____

A _____ to Faithful Presence

Living the _____

A Call to Live as _____ Strangers

Forever Remember The _____ That Is to Come

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(Philippians 3:20a EASY) But as for us, the home where we belong is in heaven...

(Philippians 3:20 TPT) But we are a colony of heaven on earth as we cling tightly to our life-giver, the Lord Jesus Christ...