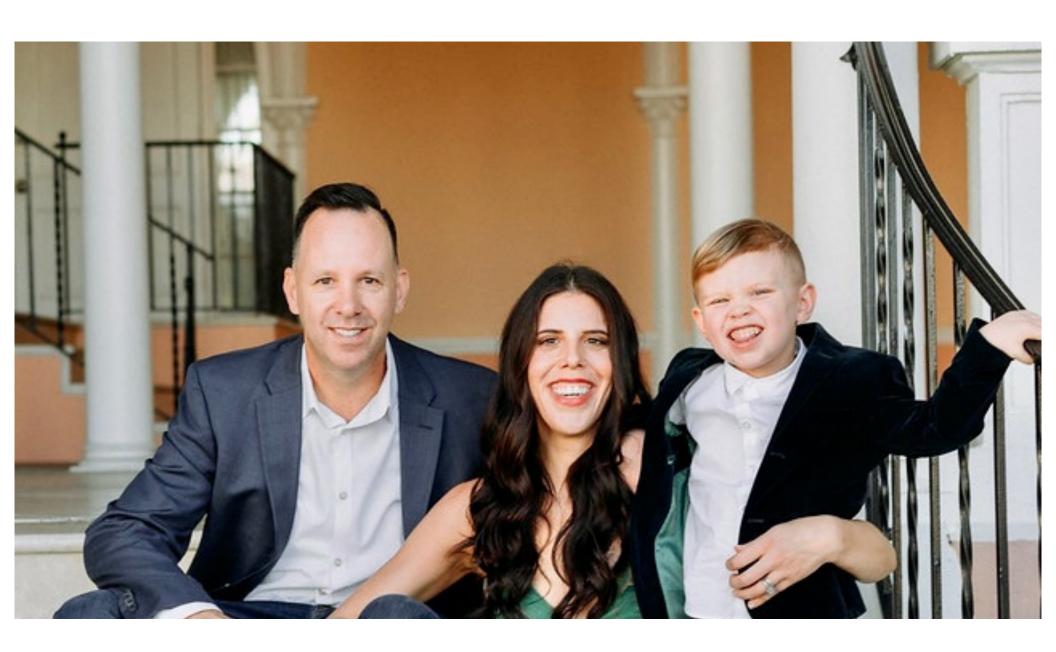


## GOOD NEWS!

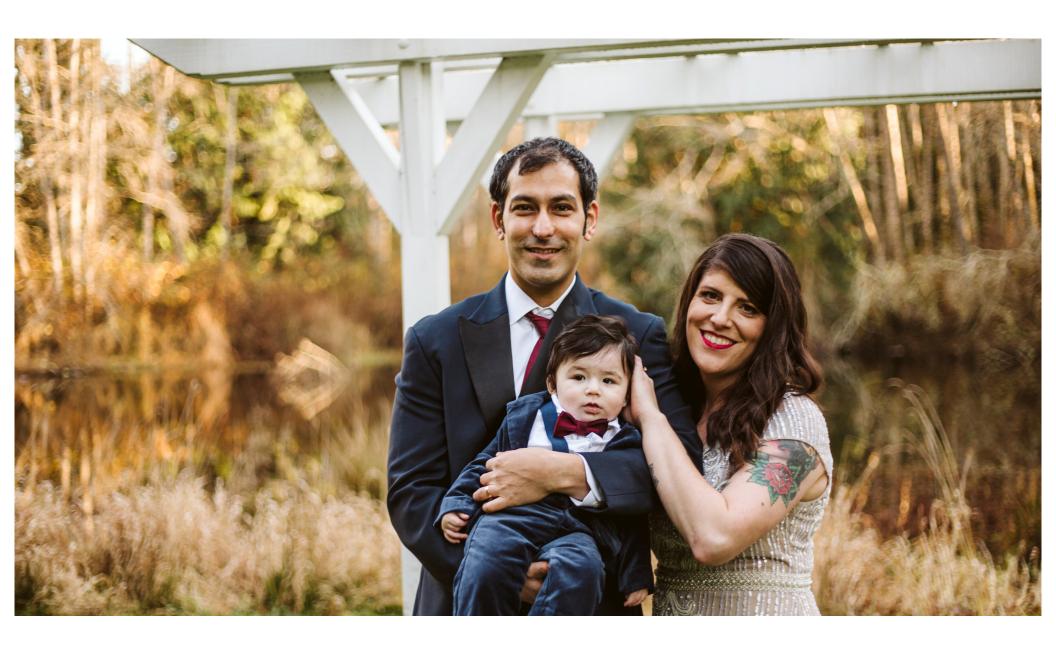














IS IT TRUE?

IS IT GOOD?



"Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news
that will cause great joy
for all the people."

Luke 2: 10 NIV



THE GOSPEL

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**GOOD STORY** 

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**GOOD NEWS** 



"The Law and the Prophets
were proclaimed until John.
Since that time, the good news
of the kingdom of God
is being preached,
and everyone is (all people are)
forcing there way (leaning) into it."

Luke 16: 16 NIV



#### COMPELLING

### **WORTH TELLING**



# Why isn't everybody "leaning in" to this good news of the kingdom Jesus preached?



**GOOD NEWS** 

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**GREAT JOY** 

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FOR ALL PEOPLE



#### WE ARE ALL NOT SO GOOD.



What made the good news so good?

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Jesus leveled the playing field.

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Disturbing for those who thought they were good (i.e., Pharisees).

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Gave hope to those who knew they were not so good.



One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fisherman, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon (Peter) and ask him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

Luke 5: 1-3 NIV



When he (Jesus) had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."... When Simon saw this (huge catch), he fell (knelt) at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord (Master); l am a sinful man!"

Luke 5: 4-5 & 8 NIV



For he and all his companions were astonished, at the catch they had taken, and so were ... Simon's partners ... Then Jesus said to Simon. "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5: 9-11 NIV



**GOOD NEWS** 

**NEW KINGDOM** 

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**NEW KIND OF KING** 



## What makes this good news so good is that we are not so good.



... for all have sinned
and fall short
of the glory of God,
and all are justified
freely by his grace
through the redemption
that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3: 23-24 NIV



## WELCOME HOME!



"Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news

that will cause great joy

for all the people.

Today in the town of David (Bethlehem)

a Savior has been born to you;

he is the Messiah, the Lord."

Luke 2: 10-11 NIV



#### WELCOME HOME!

Heavenly Father, I have fallen short.

I am more than a mistaker.

I am a sinner who needs a Savior.

I place my faith in Jesus' death on the cross as payment for my sins past, present and future.

And like Peter I choose to pull up my boat, leave everything behind and follow you.



#### 3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- 1. When asked, "Do you want the good news or the bad news first," which do you pick and why?
- 2. Read Romans 3: 21-24. How is this good news?
- 3. When did it first dawn on you that "I'm not okay" and that you needed a Savior? Did you have a "stake in the ground" moment or response?

