



Our world is desperate to find God. Christ has placed us here so that we may be his light to guide people to him. Remember these words from Jesus...

Matthew 5:14-16, You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. (Msg)

Could it be that one of the great hindrances faced by people are examining the Christian faith is actually Christians themselves. It's not that Christians aren't good people. Most are. The world doesn't need to see good, sincere people doing good things for their God. They need to see *God* within them doing only what he can do.

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Matthew 5:32-44, You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you, don't stand up against an evil person. If someone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other cheek also. If someone wants to sue you in court and take your shirt,

*let him have your coat also. **If someone forces you to go with him one mile, go with him two miles.** If a person asks you for something, give it to him. Don't refuse to give to someone who wants to borrow from you. You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemies.' But I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who hurt you. If you do this, you will be true children of your Father in heaven. (NCV)*

Jesus was calling us to go **beyond duty**.

He calls us to break the **one-mile** barrier.

Then we will be seen a true children of God.

IN STEP WITH CHRIST

It is in the second mile that you will find Jesus doing his work.

The world sees **us** on the first mile and they see **Jesus** on the second mile.

God has not called us to be good but to be **supernatural**.

The second mile is not about more hectic activity. It's about walking in step with Jesus.

Matthew 11:28, Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you... (NLT)

Many have **come** but few have **taken**.

Our determination to go the second mile affects our **prayer life**.

STOP WAITING FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE

John 10:10, *I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.* (NIV)

It is a free gift but we must **open** it and **drink**.

Matthew 16:24-25, *If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.* (NIV)

Abundant life is experienced in direct correlation to how we live it.

A SECOND MILE CHURCH

2 Corinthians 8:1-7, *We want you to know about the grace God gave the churches in Macedonia. They have been tested by great troubles, and they are very poor. But they gave much because of their great joy. I can tell you that they gave as much as they were able and even more than they could afford. No one told them to do it. But they begged and pleaded with us to let them share in this service for God's people. And they gave in a way we did not expect: They first gave themselves to the Lord and to us. This is what God wants...You are rich in everything—in faith, in speaking, in knowledge, in truly wanting to help, and in the love you learned from us. In the same way, be strong also in the grace of giving.* (NCV)