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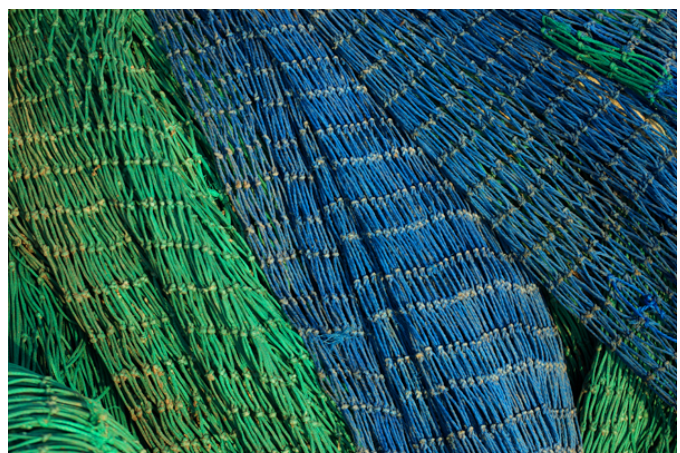
Over the years I have always maintained the need for keeping my life pure before God. I have asked forgiveness, received healing for the past pains, present events and wrong thoughts about the future. My Gods forgiveness has no limits. His grace transcends every conceivable and inconceivable wrongdoing.

The insatiable desire to be right has made many a well believing Christian to seek the latest trend in ministry. We are compelled by our own souls of the need to be pure. Purity is our quest. We want to be made right from the past, the present and the future. This is a holy desire and one worthy of some attention.

One thing I have noticed however that is quite disheartening is that the more we seek to set ourselves right the less we reach out into the world. We can easily become so entangled by the faults of our own lives. Its like we become so engrossed in cleaning the nets that we forget what the nets where intended to do. Catch fish.

Some would say, that we fix our nets so that we can catch fish. This sounds like a valid and worthy train of thought. Unfortunately it isn't right. Jesus never said to get ourselves right and then go into all the world. He said go into all the world. His command was final. It has no strings attached.

The kingdom of God is full of what look like anomalies. We are asked to do something that is in opposition to our pattern of thinking. We become a giver to become prosperous. We love to be loved. Some have said to me 'why can't I just be loved first?' Why cant people give to me first? The kingdom of God is very different to the natural world.



This anomaly shouts at us on evangelism. I believe that as we go we get cleaned. It seems out of balance with my natural understanding but then that's God. We need to go. We go and then we find that our faults are as important or all consuming as we make them to be.

The church needs to focus less on getting itself right and focus more on getting the world to God. How my heart aches for people who would be willing to take their eyes off themselves to see the desperate situation the world is really in. Jesus had compassion. He was moved with compassion. He wasn't moved by actions befitting those who were pure. He was moved with compassion because of the situation that many found themselves in. His greatest condemnation was reserved for those who were too busy cleaning 'their' life's nets.

Let's go!