



Joy! Church 3rd Edition
Part 4
What's My Part?
8.4.24 | We love you. Yes, you.



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Change is on its way

- 7/14/24: What's The Story? Part 1**
- 7/21/24: What's The Story? Part 2**
- 7/28/24: Why Does It Matter?**
- 8/4/24: What Is Your Part?**

Continuum

From Gen. 3 until Rev. 21

- **Abram**
± 4100 years ago (Gen 12:1-2)
- **Moses**
± 3500 years ago (Deut 10:11-18)
- **Isaiah**
± 2700 years ago (Isa 30:20-21)
- **Jesus**
yesterday [± 2,000 years ago],
today and forever
(Mk 1:14-15; Mat 4:17
Mat 16:13-19 and 23-26
Mat 28:16-20)



The Way: 3 parts

- A Way Maker
- A prescribed Way
- Wayfarer(s)

Dictionary: a traveler,
especially on foot

A person who goes on a journey
Sojourner. Seeker.



Fit

Where's yours?

In the WAY MAKER

On the WAY

As a WAYFARER

Searcher, seeker, sojourner, finder

With and Among other WAYFARERS

For making real the ruling presence of **JESUS**

Do what

- Resign from church as its consumer, church as a “service”
- Accept full personal responsibility for your spiritual well-being, spiritual growth, bible comprehension, and that of your family's
- Relieve the church and its pastors and leaders of responsibility for your spiritual well-being, spiritual growth, and problem-solving
- LEAVE the land you know, the church of the familiar and comfortable, go on a quest to find yourself in Christ.

It's not, Go and do. It IS, Go and Find!

Do what

- Start, find, join clumps of wayfarers: Presence Gatherings (Seek!), focused bible discussion group at coffeehouse or work, etc., affinity groups, larger gatherings and events, fun gatherings (picnic, concerts and athletic events, community events etc.)
- Engage, invest in important areas: Schools, local government, civic clubs, etc.
- Host clumps at your home or other venues you have authority to do so
- Share meals with others, sitting at a table

No way. Yes, WAY

- Decide. Once & for all. Now or later. Surrender to WayMaker Jesus
- Chase THE WAY. The WayMaker will show you who you really are AND help you become and live from that. Say yes.
- Continually develop and deepen a relationship with Holy Spirit
- Find your method(s) of consuming scripture. Use them. Chew, discuss, question, argue, wonder, dig. And dig some more
- Find your tribe, and other clumps of wayfarers. Engage. Risk.



Table Time

1. Discuss, “What is one thing I could do?” (Host a group, start a group, start or join a group)
2. Discuss, “In a typical week, how much do I spend (time, treasure, talent) on things that make no substantive, positive difference for myself or others I care about?”
Have a good laugh at your answers...
3. Bonus questions for today or later, between you and Holy Spirit:
 - A. What is my own definition of a “good church”?
 - B. How did I acquire that definition?
 - C. Compared to what the bible says, how valid is it?