

11062022 final. **Following Jesus is not for the faint of heart... If you want to follow Jesus your Faith has to be tough...we all have expectations of how Jesus will operate and about how life's supposed to be following him...However Jesus makes it clear...He and therefore we are on a mission from God!**

...A mission is an adventure... it is an adventure of faith...combined with God's work.

So as the completion and point of him coming is getting closer He starts the last leg of his journey south toward Jerusalem...to his destiny... We pick up the narrative...

NLT Luke 9:51 As the time drew near for him to ascend to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

Jesus knew well what was before him and knew time is short...there were still many towns to visit...the way must be prepared...for there are other sheep...

NLT John 10:16 I have other sheep, too, that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock with one shepherd.

So he sends his disciples to find them....and he will send us also... They decide to follow him...the journey begins...the methodology may be different but the purpose is the same generation to generation

NLT LK 10:1 The Lord now chose seventy-two¹ other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit.

- **The seventy-two remind us that we all have role in the mission of Christ. The first thing we are told in this passage is that Jesus sends the disciples out in pairs. They go out two-by-two,**

a reminder that the mission is one that is shared by all, not owned by one.

- The communal aspect of the mission is essential. Jesus invites us into a relationship with him and each other. This is reflected in the manner by which we conduct the mission. Following Jesus gets real...really quick... the first thing they are confronted with is a mission... when you are with Jesus ...there is going to be change...
- so Jesus sends them out with nothing so that they learn the first lesson in serving Jesus ... extremely important to be internalized...**You and Jesus is really overkill...or more than enough for any situation.. but you must do it his way!!**

² *These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.*

First, Jesus asks his disciples to pray. Prayer precedes mission and, as we will see later in the gospel, pervades the mission.

1. In this case Jesus instructs the disciples to pray for more “laborers,” fellow disciples of Jesus who will join in the mission. The mission is going to go out to all the earth...a lot of laborers will be needed
2. ALSO this reveals that God is deeply concerned with the development of His people, not so much the condition of the fields of the world.
3. **it is far easier to pray for condition of the harvest than finding more workers to go into the field of harvest. One requires nothing the other that requires getting involved with the Harvest field...you know people who are lost, troubled, distressed, blind, in bondage, oppressed !.....**

4. When we pray what God wants ...we always get it... when you pray lord help me to love others...that is always his will...so you will get it...and you will be the answer
5. *So he tells them the Harvest is far greater than the workers willing to go into it and actually harvest...so they will be tired!!*

Overworked and Overwhelmed

But wait there's more!

³ *Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.*

- He is sending them as lambs among wolves...**I think sending them out as lions among Lambs would be a more effective strategy...**
- I mean What would a lamb feel like amongst wolves? Vulnerable, weak, scared, depressed, unprotected, deficient, unprepared...
- When you go ..you will feel and rightly so... in one word completely inadequate. Get used to it
- So wonder he said pray for workers...it is not a job for the faint of heart but faith of heart, Stout of Heart
- In fact if you feel capable like a lion... ...probably not God leading...because when he leads ...we have to lean on him!
- So why does the harvest field fell like wolves so often to us?
- **Lets break down why he would say this?**

when Scripture uses the word world it **has three meanings in scripture:**

1. It sometimes means the physical world...the earth

NLT AC 17:24 "He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples"

2. It also can mean human world or mankind...

NLT JN 3:16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave^[g] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

3. It also can mean The world system which is controlled by the enemy in complete opposition to Jesus

NLT I John 5: 19 We know that we are children of God and that the world around us is under the control of the evil one.

- We are of the Kingdom of God yet live in the physical world whose systems are under Satan’s control...and in absolute opposition to God....

...no wonder we will feel like a lambs among wolves in the harvest field! Because We are!

So how do these disciples do it...Jesus said go!

KJV Luke 10:3 **Go your ways:** behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

They would go as 36 team ...but he would follow.. This leaves much room for their own decision making...

- 1. They would need to make decisions on how they would carry out the command to go before him.. where to go and and what to do when there...**
- 2. This is where our responsibility comes in...our giftings and talents and Passion, they would need to improvise and strategize...**
- 3. They would need to be gentle, careful, handling aggressive rejection (the wolves) and those who would receive their message...**
- 4. there would be risk, danger, and reward but don’t be afraid...expect it...Jesus did and told them so...**

Then he gives traveling instructions

NLT LK 10: 4 Don't take any money with you, nor a traveler's bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don't stop to greet anyone on the road.

- **You are not on a vacation...you are on a mission! No sight seeing, visiting relatives or friends, No Suit cases with changes of clothes and shoes ,or spending money**
- **Remember Jesus does not have long to live...time is of the essence...**
- **Now it was time for them to follow his example, so he gave them some final instructions and sent them out to do as he had done.**

5 "Whenever you enter someone's home, first say, 'May God's peace be on this house.' 6 If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. 7 Don't move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don't hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay. 8 "If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. 9 Heal the sick, and tell them, 'The Kingdom of God is near you now.'

- **It is apparent these towns were at least knowledgeable of the Messiah...**
- **Their mission was to preach about the kingdom of God, to drive out demons and to cure people of their diseases.**
- **The curing and delivering is not dependent on the people being disciples. The care represents Jesus' care for all people especially those in need.**
- **He did not send them out powerless. He gave them power and the authority to preach, to drive out demons and to heal the sick.**
- **inform them Jesus will be visiting their town shortly**

- They were instructed to stay where you are received in only one house and stay as long as they were welcome.
- The Home receiving them would be blessed.
- The hospitality offered them will be well earned

But also expect rejection... some would go to more than one town
NLT LK 10: 10 But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!'

- Each town would be held accountable for their rejection of the Kingdom of God Leave them to their choice
- But tell them Kingdom judgment is inevitable...for the Kingdom is near
- **And Judgment will be fair!**

NLT Luke 10: 12 I assure you, even wicked Sodom will be better off than such a town on judgment day..

1. For if Sodom, as evil as it was would not receive the same judgment as these towns for Sodom had not been exposed to as much teaching, deliverance, miracles...as is happening all around them plus The king is literally here!
2. **That is powerful...for this is what the prophet Ezekiel says about Sodom...and her judgment will be less severe...**

NLT EZE 16: 49 Sodom's sins were pride, gluttony, and laziness, while the poor and needy suffered outside her door. ⁵⁰ She was proud and committed detestable sins, so I wiped her out, as you have seen.

- **Know this ...God's Judgement is always fair! And he goes on...makes a current comparison to his disciples**

Luke 10:13 “What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. ¹⁴ Yes, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you. ¹⁵ And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead.

1. **He says the cities that reject you...will experience great sorrow...some versions say “Woe”... “Woe” is not a condemnation. It’s a declaration of deep regret.**
2. **For if Tyre and Sidon, both pagan cities, who through History had been thorns in the side of Israel and often led it into idolatry. And Jezebel, the most wicked queen in the history of Israel, was a princess of Sidon...**
3. **These are evil cities, yet their judgment will be less severe than Chorazin, Bethsaida,**
4. **And Capernaum...you are the seat of Jesus in Gallilee and experienced the most of Jesus...and those who rejected the kingdom them... go to those who chose death over life. Separation over inclusion...Judgment over redemption**

And this is the reason for Blessing or Judgment

Luke 10:16 Then he said to the disciples, “Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me.”

So they set out...when they returned..most likely a couple weeks to a month

¹⁷ When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!”

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Jesus says your amazed at that? Be more amazed at This

10:20 But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

You have an amazing future!!

- **Now instructions to the 72 are helpful for us today who walk in their footsteps. We are all called to be missionaries.**
- **Does God give everyone the same marching orders? I think not. The question of whether God expects us to use these same instructions is that it all depends on your call.**
- **Is God calling you to minister to your next door neighbor? Don't go with the idea he is to take care of you. Is God calling you to write for publications? You won't get far without a computer.**
- **For most of us the "going forth" is not to a foreign land or nation but happens in our homes, workplaces, schools, and communities. The mission is the same.**
- **But much more important than the physical tools, clothing, and other provisions, you must go with God's Spirit and his empowerment and you will feel like a lamb among wolves**
- **And he still ends us: "pray ... go forth ... care and proclaim."**

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5. **For Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum** are located at the northern end of the Sea of Galilee. **And**
6. **For those of us who were once bored or have issues with religion...it was because you were in relationship with**

religion...religion like all man made things get troublesome, stagnant ...and dead after a while...there is no life for it is a thing...

7. All new things become old after a while ...School vacation ...look forward to it for most of the school year...once it happened ...three weeks into it were bored...
8. Relationship with living beings always involves change...and especially with Jesus...in fact constant change is here to stay with Jesus...it was the first message I ever gave at this church..
9. In fact Change is the only constant in this life...
10. Once commitment is made in a relationship...the journey truly begins... you start to live reality...but like all reality it has a beginning but we do not know where it is going or how it will end...
11. But with Jesus we know one thing it will not be a nightmare...but it will definitely be scary but will have a very successful ending...in the end we win
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14. **along with Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, they would have surely repented long ago!**
15. **Tyre and Sidon had received what these cities are receiving along with Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum, they would have surely repented long ago!**
16. **Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum** are located at the northern end of the Sea of Galilee. **And Jesus ministered extensively in that region** so they will come under much harsher Judgment... You rejected life so you will go to those who chose death!
17. **Tyre and Sidon**, both pagan cities, had been thorns in the side of Israel and often led it into idolatry: "**Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, ...**" (Judges 10:6). And Jezebel, the most wicked queen in the history of Israel, was a princess of Sidon

18. They'd been condemned by the ancient prophets for their
19. great sins
20. Jesus points out that if the residents of Tyre and Sidon had been exposed to as much teaching and miracles, they would have repented.
21. "Woe" is not a condemnation. It's a declaration of deep regret.
22. K. Tyre and Sidon were the famous towns of ancient Phoenicia and were still
23. important centers of commerce. They'd been condemned by the ancient prophets for their
24. great sin (including one of the passages that's parallel to Jesus' statement about Satan
25. falling!) There are Gentile communities.
26. L. "Hades" is the realm of the dead, not quite the same as hell, as good
27. people go to Hades, too. Hades is the opposite of the heavens in popular thought, that is,
28. a very low place, lower than the grave. The city will die, Jesus says, and die utterly. The
29. Romans destroyed it in less than 40 years.
30. Sodom is most often considered an example of the sin of inhospitality, and only
31. rarely the sin of homosexuality. Homosexuality is condemned, but inhospitality or lack of
32. concern for the needy is the charge levied against Sodom in far more scriptures.
33. B. The angels in Sodom were travelers under the protection of Lot's house.
34. Just so, the disciples will be travelers under the protection of whichever house takes them

35. in. They won't stay in the inns (which were rare and generally unpleasant places).
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37. worse than what the Sodomites did! There's no reason to take this as exaggeration.
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A. You'll recall from the notes on Abraham in the winter quarter that in scripture, Sodom is most often considered an example of the sin of inhospitality, and only rarely the sin of homosexuality. Homosexuality is condemned, but inhospitality or lack of concern for the needy is the charge levied against Sodom in far more scriptures.

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D. See <http://oneinjesus.info/2007/02/26/sodom-gomorrah-and-illegal-alienspart-1/>.

E. Jesus sent men to send the message, rather than waiting for these people to find him. Perhaps the lesson is that Jesus reaches out to us—we don't so much have to seek God as not run from God's seeking!

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F. There's no reason to suppose that Jesus is any less anxious today to be heard and received.

G. Therefore, the cliché "seeking God" is, on reflection, not very good theology, at least for those who've been blessed to have his self-revelation via the word and the church. We don't have to travel on some mystical, mysterious journey to one day maybe encounter God. (Sorry if this isn't poetic enough for the reader.)

H. God isn't HIDING! He wants to be found. And his church shouldn't be talking about how we're "seeking God." We've found him (or more accurately, he's found us). Why pretend otherwise?

I. On the other hand, for the church to be Christlike, we should be sending

out disciples to spread the gospel just as Jesus did. While WE'RE not seeking God, plenty of people are. God isn't hiding, and we should be concerned not to hide him from others.¹

13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. **14** But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. **15** And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. **16** The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

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M. Jesus' point is that many Jewish communities were less willing to hear the gospel than the surrounding Gentile communities.

17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"

1 For those not familiar with my congregation, we just killed the slogan "Seeking him; serving others," which has always bothered me. I don't want to pretend to have caught God in a bottle, but neither should we tell the world we've not found him yet. Perhaps this will put the final nail in the slogan's coffin.

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18 And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **19** Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

N. "Satan falling like lightning" is not a literal heavenly event (there are

those who disagree, but Jesus is not yet crucified. It is, at most, prophetic.). Rather, this is

idiomatic (a figure of speech) for the harm being done to Satan.

O. "Satan" in the Old Testament was pictured in Job and Zechariah as the

prosecuting attorney or the "accuser"—the one who insists that humans deserve

damnation. Hence, Jesus' expression declares the defeat of the case for the prosecution.

P. The language echoes language of Isaiah and Ezekiel, used in reference to earthly kings being brought down by the hand of God. Thus, Jesus sees the beginning of the end of Satan's rule over man.

Q. Perhaps the significance in Jesus' mind was that his message had now been transferred with power to the second generation of teachers. His mission would have been a failure if he'd left no one behind who could continue the work. He had now put men in place who could continue after his death, which, in a very real sense, made his death possible.

R. It's important to remember that our ultimate reward is in heaven. Jesus can bless us on earth, but it's nothing compared to the final reward.

IV. Jesus' gratitude

21 In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little

children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. **22** All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

A. It's noteworthy that the Jesus of this passage sounds very much like the Jesus of John's gospel—which contradicts the notion that the Jesus of John is so unlike the Jesus of the Synoptics that John must have re-invented Jesus.

B. "Rejoiced" is an inadequate translation. Jesus was "thrilled with joy" as Moffitt translates.

C. "Little children" are the innocent disciples and those that received their message.

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D. Interesting that Jesus may not choose to reveal himself to everyone, just those he chooses. But, of course, the 72 and the 12 were sent only to the Jews. It wasn't

yet time to reach the Gentiles, but Jesus clearly anticipates the coming of that time.

V. The blessing

23 Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! 24 For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

A. The Transfiguration wasn’t that long ago. Moses, Elijah, and surely David would be included in Jesus’ proclamation.

B. Jesus is well aware that these are extraordinary times. It’s wise to say to the disciples—Savor these moments. Nothing like this will ever happen again.

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NLT 2 COR 4:4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. 5 You see, we don’t go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus’ sake.

7 We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.[Ⓜ] This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

8 We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. 9 We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. 10 Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

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➤ **If the towns listen and receive you...they will listen and receive me...**

LK 10:16 *"He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."*

They go....

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Does God give everyone the same marching orders? I think not. Many years ago I was camping with my husband, and a neighbor family, when we were approached by two college aged girls who said they were sent out by their church in the same manner as Jesus had sent the Twelve Disciples. I was very skeptical and my feelings have not changed to this day. For one thing, I didn't see them perform any miracles. In Bible times, it was customary for strangers to the city gate where someone might take them in for the night. No such custom exists in America.

Yet there are people such as Mother Teresa who have become paupers for the sake of serving others. We hear occasional accounts of Christians who choose to live on the streets in order to witness to those who have no other choice, and often these self-sacrificing Christians are the only ones who were able to reach the homeless. The Apostle Paul earned his own keep as he ministered to the people.

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This is a wonderful example of how God's will works out in the lives of people...and I stop here because we are all interested in answering the two questions

1. "Does God have a perfect will for me"? name the area...
2. "And if so how do I discern it?"

The answer is yes to number 1...God has a will or plan for your life...Scripture makes it clear in numerous places...here are a few...

God's universal plan...

ISA 46:9 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me.

ISA 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

ISA 46:11 From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.

God's plan for the individual...

PS 139:14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well.

PS 139:15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

PS 139:16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

RO 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2) second question..“ How do I discern God's will ?

First what it is not...Power point “Traditional view of God’s individual will”

God’s will is not one single dot...show slide and if we miss it oh well!!! Oh no it is much broader than that...he gives us his will it is internal...and says go for it....

- Some of us think God has a will for us...but he makes it so hard to find that we never actually get it...
- I want to free you of that today...
- His will is not an event outside of us ..it is what takes place in us...
- It is not a destination it is a personal transformation...
- We are not robots...he allows us to live within the parameters of his disclosed will and exercise the freedom there in

Using our talents, passions, and gifts...within the framework of His revealed will...

So I say as Jesus said to his disciples...*go your way* ahead of me...

That is why he said Go ...Go Your way...

- *God’s will is not a giant map, its a scroll. As you read a little, God unfurls a little more of His view for you. It is unfuled as we walk in his moral will*

The 72 were told to do good when the entered a community...

LK 10: 5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'⁶ If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you.⁷ Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

LK 10:8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you.⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.'

Those were direct commands...

Now notice in the circle there is room on both sides of God's moral will...

this is because when we violate God's moral will...his sovereign will is there to contain God's sovereign purposes in those he has called and in his plan in general...

- when God's moral will is violated ...we exist outside his intended will ...and thereby ..he works to bring us back into compliance with his moral will.
- God secretly guides us by working all events together for the believer's good.
- Now when we operate within the circle of God's moral will...defined commands we enter into the place of free will...
- Where there is no command there is Freedom...
- **God gives freedom and wisdom sufficient for every decision...**

This was God's plan for people since the beginning...

GE 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

- One command...one tree do not eat from
- One consequence...death...separation
- Great Freedom to choose as he would...any other tree...
- Once again the will of God for one is tied up in the will of God for everybody...

This is where our responsibility comes in...our giftings and talents...and Passion...

As Augustine said” where there is no command, God gives us freedom to choose...

➤ You see we all have dreams and gifts and we have responsibility to use them...

2CO 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

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two issues:

1)we are outside the expressed will of God ...need to get that right...repent change direction

2)we are in the process of making some decisions...and need wisdom...ask God

JAS 1: 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. 6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.

• 3) now use the wisdom you have been given to Go your way ahead of the Lord and he will bless you...

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