

# Using the Rope to Find Our True Purpose: A Disciple Untying The Knot

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## 1. Offer what Jesus offers

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*1 Corinthians 5:12 (NIV)* What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? **(13)** God will judge those outside.

*Matthew 23:13 (NIV)* You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

*John 12:47-48 (NIV)* "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. **(48)** There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day.

## 2. Ride along side of the person in need of Jesus

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*Romans 15:1-7 (GW)* So those of us who have a strong {faith} must be patient with the weaknesses of those whose {faith} is not so strong. We must not think only of ourselves. **(2)** We should all be concerned about our neighbor and the good things that will build his faith. **(3)** Christ did not think only of himself. Rather, as Scripture says: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." **(4)** Everything written long ago was written to teach us so that we would have confidence through the endurance and encouragement which the Scriptures give us. **(5)** May God, who gives you this endurance and encouragement, allow you to live in harmony with each other by following the example of Christ Jesus. **(6)** Then, having the same goal, you will praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **(7)** Therefore, accept each other in the same way that Christ accepted you. He did this to bring glory to God.

## 3. Keep your focus on what's ahead of your growth and others

"Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

*1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 (GW)* We must put on faith and love as a breastplate and the hope of salvation as a helmet. **(9)** It was not God's intention that we experience his anger but that we obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. **(10)** He died for us so that, whether we are awake in this life or asleep in death, we will live together with him. **(11)** Therefore, encourage each other and strengthen one another as you are doing.