

NO MORE, NO LESS

DISCUSS: In what situation would you be likely to say:
“I have some, but I need more of it?”
“I have some, but I wish I had less of it?”
“I have just the right amount of it – no more, no less?”

DISCUSS: To get this far in life, what have you really needed to know? And what do you wish you had known?

“Need to know.” You get a security clearance based on your need to know. What do you really NEED to know? From his cell in Rome Paul writes to Jesus’ followers in first century Turkey, telling them what they need to know. **Let’s read Colossians 1:1-29 (p. 442, The Message).**

Vv 1-2 Like Paul, Christ’s follower is on “special assignment” in “God’s master plan.”

DOUG, how did you discover your role in God’s plan?

Vv 3-5 We’re encouraged by “your steady faith in our Christ Jesus.” We’re suspended between earth and heaven, the tieline kept taut by “our blessed hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-28).

DOUG, how do you encourage people in countries that have experienced scarcity, persecution, deprivation of personal freedoms – conditions that so far America has been spared from?

Vv 21-29 Jesus died for your sins so that God could declare you to be forgiven and perfect in His sight! What else really matters! There’s only one Message; it’s “Jesus.”

DOUG, what have you learned from people who have few personal assets, none of life’s comforts, but who know and cling to Jesus?

Jesus is in Bethany, near Jerusalem, with His friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus when He discloses “the one thing that’s needed.” **Let’s read Luke 10:38-42.**

God loves us without strings -- He wants us to be with Him always! To accept His offer, “His Deal,” we simply follow Jesus -- no more, no less.

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