

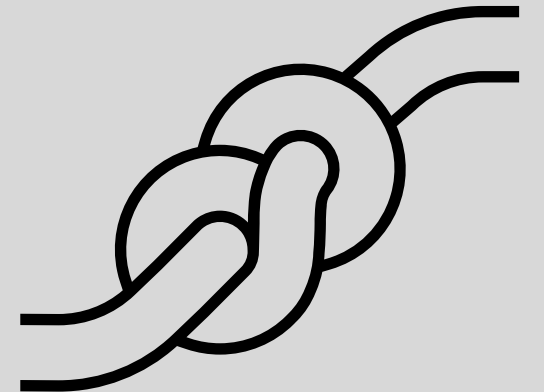


Which end of
the rope?

Matthew 6:33

So true!

- ❖ “I pray the best when I’m at the end of my rope.”
- ❖ When there are no more options



Matthew 6:33

- But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. *(NIV)*
- Set your heart on the kingdom and his goodness, and all these things will come to you as a matter of course. *(JB Phillips)*
- But first *and* most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also. *(AMP)*

So true!

- ✓ Seek: *Worship, desire, endeavour, aim, strive*
- ✓ First: *Both in time and importance; at the beginning & chiefly*
- ✓ Kingdom of God: *where there is a Kingdom, there is a King; one who rules, not a figurehead*
- ✓ His righteousness: *Live righteously, rightly*

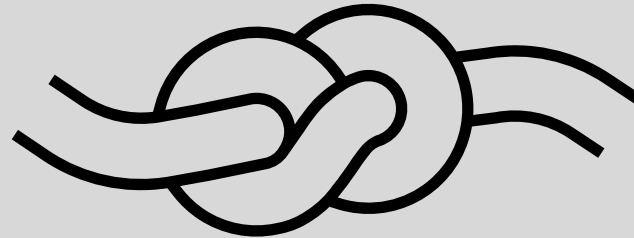
In practice – Luke 9:51-62

- ❑ Jesus resolutely set out.. (51) (*confirm, set his face, determined...*)
 - *Beyond the comfort zone (57-58)*
 - *Beyond the culture zone (59-60)*
 - *Beyond the compromise zone (61-62)*
- ❑ Problem of “follow – yes, but...”

Your choice

Which end of the rope?

“Seek first”



“Yes, but”