



# THE GOD OF INNUMERABLE CHANCES

a church in the World

## ABSTRACT

Growing up all of us made bad choices and if we had parents who truly loved us they would give us not just a second chance ...

August 10, 2025

# Contents

<b>SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY</b> .....	<b>2</b>
<b>INTRODUCTION</b> .....	<b>2</b>
<b>BODY</b> .....	<b>2</b>
ISRAEL IS NOT ISRAEL.....	2
THE LORD LOVES ISRAEL .....	5
<b>TAKE AWAYS</b> .....	<b>5</b>
WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US .....	5

## Scripture of the Day

### Psalm 103:8 – 12

<sup>8</sup> *The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

<sup>9</sup> *He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.*

<sup>10</sup> *He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

<sup>11</sup> *For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

<sup>12</sup> *as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

## Introduction

Growing up all of us made bad choices and if we had parents who truly loved us they would give us not just a second chance, but multiple chances. Now as the chances for the same mistake grew a good parent would make sure there were consequences associated with those chances. Not giving consequences would just be enabling us.

As we continue diving into to Jesus's instructions to His disciples for their first missionary journey we see that we serve a God of innumerable chances.

## Body

### Matthew 10:5 – 7 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> *These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup>Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’*

## Israel is NOT Israel

Often many of us think of Israel like this during Jesus’s time:



So the colored areas are present day Israel, but that isn't what the map looked like in Jesus's time. It looked like this:



As you see with this map, there is nothing that says Israel, because at this time what the Jews call Israel is occupied by Rome and they have divided Israel into these provinces of:

- Decapolis
- Galilee
- Judaea
- Peraea
- Samaria

The instructions from verse 5 means that this Mission trip must mean that are only supposed to go to different places in Galilee.

Not even the Jews in Judaea or other places because You could not get there without going

through gentile places or Samaria.

## The Lord Loves Israel

The lost sheep of Israel. God over and over has shown throughout the Bible that he will again and again forgive his people Israel.

Isaiah 1:18-20 ESV

*[18] "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. [19] If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; [20] but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

Hosea 11:1-9 ESV

*[1] When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. [2] The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. [3] Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. [4] I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. [5] They shall not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. [6] The sword shall rage against their cities, consume the bars of their gates, and devour them because of their own counsels. [7] My people are bent on turning away from me, and though they call out to the Most High, he shall not raise them up at all. [8] How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. [9] I will not execute my burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.*

## Take Aways

### What this means for us

That same love that God has for Israel is the same love God has for those who are his that have been grafted in:

Romans 11:17-24 ESV

*<sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. <sup>19</sup> Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." <sup>20</sup> That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. <sup>22</sup> Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have*

*fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you too will be cut off. <sup>23</sup> And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.*