

Glorious Freedom!

GOLD Series Part I

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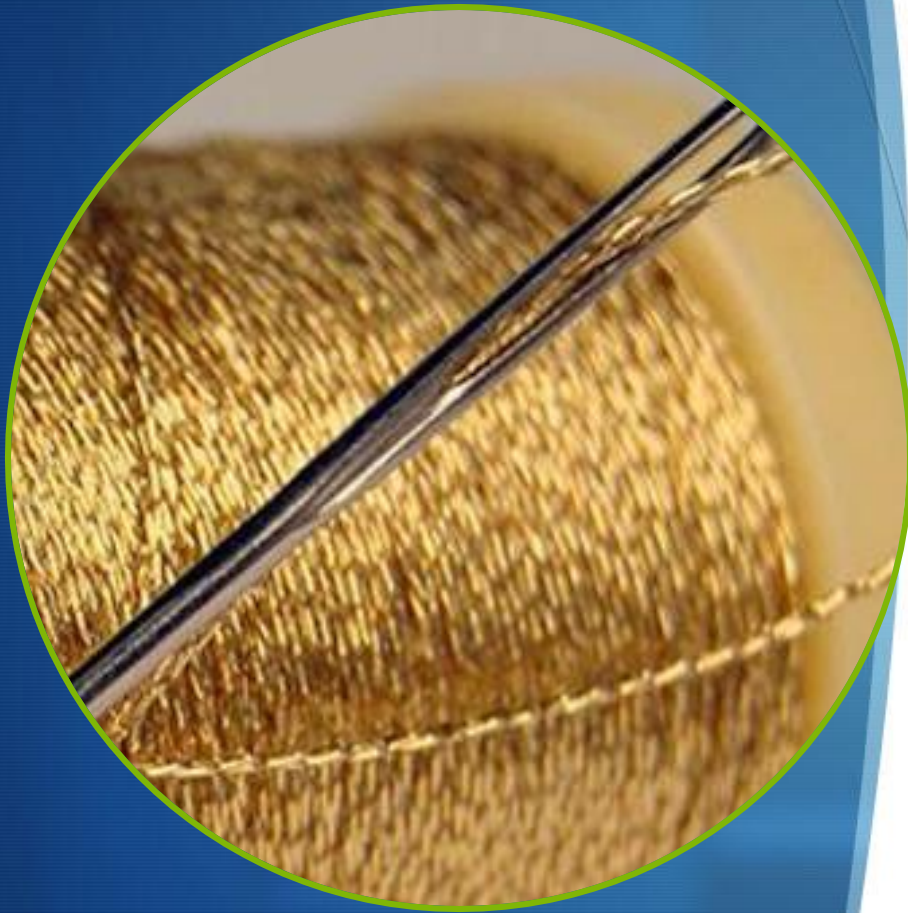
Our Values

Goodness

Openness

Love

Dynamic Power



GOLD Values

Precious

Taught us by God

We clothe ourselves in them

God is Good



- ✔ Jesus was moved by suffering
 - ✔ He wept – John 11:33-36
 - ✔ He had compassion – Matthew 14:14
- ✔ Jesus said so – Luke 18:19
- ✔ Jesus did so – Acts 10:38
- ✔ No more pain – Revelation 21:4

But... the world is full of pain?



How do we react to suffering?

- ◆ God does not exist!
- ◆ God planned it for some higher purpose
 - ◆ But then we question His goodness
- ◆ God hates it and is working against it

‘Openness’ holds the key

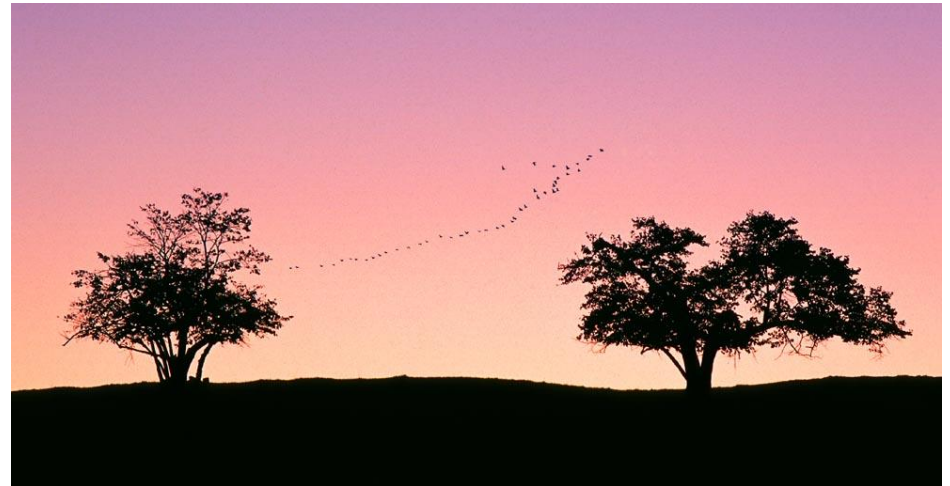


God loves freedom so much...
but why?



Freedom values & empowers

- ◆ Core to who God is - relational
- ◆ Freedom
 - ◆ Values others
 - ◆ Empowers others
 - ◆ Matures
- ◆ He is 'open', not controlling



So 'Openness' unlocks God's goodness

Enabling us to see Him as good all the time



But there are real consequences

Love is Possible...



...but so is suffering



His goodness is not imposed...

- ◆ God's heart is to bless us
 - ◆ Gen 1:28, 12:3
- ◆ God gives good gifts to *those who ask!* Matt 7:11
- ◆ He's looking to work good through *those who trust Him!* 2 Chron 16:9



So we Adventure! We GO...



- ◆ By faith – 2 Corinthians 4:7-18, 5:1-7
- ◆ Knowing He is for us
- ◆ Empowered by the Spirit – 1 Cor 12:7
- ◆ With the message “Taste & see that God is good” Psalm 34:8
- ◆ Like Him, walking in compassion and seeking to bless

So...

How will you adventure
this week?

What will you ask for?

How will you work for
good with God?