

Can You Fit in the Door?  
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And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. Luke 13:23-24

A man once asked Jesus about the number of people who will be saved - assuming it would be few. He probably had been listening closely to Jesus' teaching. Many people in Jesus' day believed that there would be few saved. There are only so many who can claim Abraham as their ancestor and then even less who followed the 10 commandments, etc. Yet Jesus raised the bar even further! He taught them that their blood relation to Abraham counted for nothing. He also closed any possible loophole people thought they could use to get around God's law. To those who had confidence because they never publicly broke God's law, Jesus equated name-calling, lust, and not helping the needy to murder, adultery, and theft! Who then can be saved?!

Jesus replies by telling them to strive to enter the narrow door. Well, that sounds right. It must be narrow. You would have to be perfect. In fact, it seems like the only one who could fit in that door would be Jesus! Sure enough. That's exactly what Jesus is saying. He even says it in John 10. I am the door for the sheep. I am the way, the truth, and the life. If you think perfecting your life will get you through the door you will be disappointed as you fail at it. If you think your great accomplishments, your pedigree, or even your good works will get you in... It's the opposite.

You don't need anything. If you think your sins will get in the way - Jesus is happy to take them. In fact, He loves to take them. Jesus is the narrow door. And that door is open today! Your pedigree doesn't help, your accomplishments and track record aren't needed. As John Prine eloquently sings, even "your flag decal won't get you into heaven anymore." All you need is Jesus. He's got you. Come on in.