

“DON’T WASTE THIS MOMENT”

LUKE 19:11-27

**We need to be challenged to live all out for Jesus because spiritual apathy is a huge temptation and has devastating consequences!*

THE DISCIPLES HOPES ARE HIGH! THEY HAVE LEFT EVERYTHING, COUNTED THE COST, NOW THEY THINK THEY ARE ABOUT TO SEE RESULTS!

And that is why Jesus takes a moment to tell them this parable...

Luke 19:11-27 is a story about an important person, who goes away to receive a kingdom and gives his servants some money to manage while he is gone and then comes back and holds them accountable for the way they used it.

VERSE 11:

heard these things: All the things He has been saying to Zaccheus about salvation.

proceeded to tell them a parable: a story about something they are more familiar with to explain and change their perspective regarding something they weren’t understanding about what was happening with God’s kingdom.

because he was near Jerusalem: where he’s going to die, to be crucified. (Luke 18:31)

The disciples are thinking that as soon as they get to Jerusalem Jesus will be exalted and established as King of the world and start ruling down here right away.

BUT HE IS GOING THERE TO DIE AND THE ACTUAL REAL LIFE COST OF INTENTIONALLY FOLLOWING HIM AFTERWARDS WILL MAKE NOT DOING ANYTHING FEEL LIKE A VERY TEMPTING OPTION.

VERSE 23, 24:

Take the mina away: People may get away with looking like Christians while not actually exercising any faith right not, but they will not be able to get away with that forever.

JUST BECAUSE JESUS WILL SHOW SO MUCH GRACE TO THE FAITHFUL WHEN HE RETURNS, DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE ISN’T GOING TO JUDGE THOSE WHO WEREN’T.

VERSE 26:

From the one who has not: His failure to act proves that he is not actually a servant of the nobleman. So the mina is going to be taken away. It wasn’t his in the first place. And he’s going to be exposed.

VERSE 27:

Slaughter them before me: If you are rejecting Jesus your rejection of Jesus isn’t going to change what’s God is going to do through Jesus. Be warned!

JESUS CAME ONCE TO DIE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD TRUST HIM—AND HE’S COMING AGAIN TO JUDGE THOSE WHO WON’T. THAT MEANS THIS MOMENT MATTERS. DON’T WASTE THE OPPORTUNITY HE’S GIVING YOU. IF YOU DIE WITH HIM, YOU’LL LIVE WITH HIM. IF YOU ENDURE, YOU’LL REIGN WITH HIM. IF YOU DENY HIM, HE’LL DENY YOU. AND IF YOU’RE FAITHLESS, HE’LL STILL BE FAITHFUL—TO DO EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID HE WILL DO.

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS COMING BACK AS KING? HOW DOES THE WAY YOU’RE LIVING DEMONSTRATE THAT? WILL YOU BE FOUND TO BE FAITHFUL?

VERSE 12:

therefore: The reason He is saying all these things is because he knows their expectations are different than reality and the questions that is going to create.

nobleman: He represents Jesus.

went into a far country: Jesus is going to Jerusalem and then He is going away for a while.

to receive for himself a kingdom: There will be a delay but that does not mean God's plan had changed! Jesus still is going to rule as king.

VERSE 13:

Engage in business: Jesus is going away but he's given his followers a mission.

VERSE 14:

But His citizens hated him; The Pharisees and religious leaders actually want to crucify Jesus.

VERSE 15:

when he returned, having received the kingdom : The world's attitude toward Jesus is not going to stop God from establishing Jesus as king and bringing the kingdom

that he might know what they had gained.: When he comes back he starts holding people **ACCOUNTABLE**.

THAT WHY IT IS SO URGENT THAT YOU MAKE A DECISION!

HE WILL BLESS THE FAITHFUL

VERSE 16,17:

Well done... because you have been faithful: This is what He is looking for when He comes - faithfulness. (Luke 16:9-10)

ONE BIG REASON WE WANT TO FAITHFULLY FOLLOW JESUS EVEN THOUGH IT IS GOING TO LOOK A CRAZY TO EVERYONE ELSE IS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE GOD'S GOING TO KEEP HIS PROMISES AND REWARD OUR FAITH IN HIM.

...you shall have authority over ten cities: This is shocking because it is so disproportionate. Here is a servant who just did what he was told to do with his master's resources and he is rewarded with ten cities!

BUT, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FAITHFUL?

IT IS NOT JUST SAYING YOU WANT THE KINGDOM TO COME .IT IS DEMONSTRATING THAT YOU REALLY ARE TRUSTING GOD TO KEEP HIS PROMISES THROUGH JESUS BY NOT LOVING THE WORLD, LONGING FOR HIM TO COME BACK, PRAYING AND NOT LOSING HEART, CHOOSING HUMILITY, SIDING WITH JESUS EVEN WHEN IT BRINGS SHAME, BOLDLY CONFESSING HIM AS THE MESSIAH, AND PRIORITIZING A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM ABOVE ALL ELSE.

THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR BEING APATHETIC!

VERSE 20:

kept laid away in a handkerchief: It is not the way to hide something that is valuable to you, but rather the way to hide something you don't want people to see.

VERSE 21:

For I was afraid of you: Instead of taking responsibility, he blames the Master. He calls him a thief, wicked and is acting like his Master is not as good as He really is.

VERSE 22:

I will condemn you with your own words: It wasn't really about the nobleman, but him just doing what he wanted to do.