

# The Harvest Part 3

## GO & MAKE DISCIPLES

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### RECAP last two weeks

The Bible teaches us that while we were still sinners Christ died for us and that the grace and forgiveness of God is given to us without any earning on our part whatsoever. This is grace, the undeserved favor of God!

Maybe you're a guest today, invited by a friend and you're wondering "well lets say I do want to be a Christian; I know my life is a wreck and I tend to make a mess of things. What do I have to do to be saved?" The answer ... NOTHING.

The Gospel says that God did what you could not do. The Gospel is more of an invitation than it is a declaration. It's not a limitation it's an invitation - invitation for sinful man to be purified and have union with HOLY GOD!

The Gospel says

The only "thing you have to do is repent - admit your sinful state to God and let Him forgive you. "Come and drink without pay" Jesus says!

The Gospel offends people unwilling to admit their need.

"Grace transforms people who receive it but it infuriates those who insist on proving themselves." - Pastor Ben Dailey

Remember in our story of the Prodigal Son, both boys worked.

The prodigal came home and said "I will my Father's farm" out of a motivation of gratitude.

The older brother worked out of a motivation of obligation and desire to prove himself worthy.

They were already worthy. They were sons!

Religion is when you work for what the Father has already given you.

**The Gospel given in God's Word tells you and me that Jesus did what we could not do to achieve for us something we could never earn. Jesus truly did pay it all!**

**1 Th 1:1-10 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,**

**<sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.**

**<sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.**

We take hold of this grace given to us by God - we grab the life saver - and we are pulled to shore by a loving, saving, kind, generous, compassionate God. We simply hold on to His grace.

Our response of thankfulness is our Christianity. Christianity is simply a response to God's grace and love. It's saying "yes" the grace of God offered freely to you and me and to everyone willing to admit their need.

**We are saved by Jesus. We are being saved as the Holy Spirit teaches us what it means to follow Jesus' example. That's why our mission statement here is "Leading people to follow Jesus together."**

And one day we will be saved eternally when Father God sends Jesus for the second time to come take us Home to be with Him in Heaven. One day, Jesus will split the sky and we'll meet Him in the air and we'll be eternally saved!

### **1 John 3:2**

**"Now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known (we're still being saved) but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." NIV**

Did you hear that? "What we will be has not yet been made known"

WOW The goodness of God that we've experienced now - the water we've drank now - is only a taste of what it is to come! We will be transformed when we see Jesus face to face! We'll be given a new Heavenly, eternal body, like the one given to Christ, the Bible says!

"When Christ appears, we shall be like Him!" WOW!

In the Old Testament, King David speaking of this confidence in the eternal life to come said this in ...

**Psalm 16:1,2; 5-11**

“Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” ... The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ( I AM CONFIDENT!) Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

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**No one even has the money to pay for what God is offering. Money can't buy it. A degree can't deserve it. Only God can give it.**

**Remember the prodigal son and his older brother?**

**BOTH need the grace of the Father.**

**BOTH were given the same love.**

**One realized his need for the Father's goodness and although he messed up, became grateful and full of joy. The older brother was mad and stayed mad, insisting on proving himself.**

Simply BELIEVE in the grace given to you by God!

Simply BELIEVE in the life-saver thrown to you by God!

Simply HOLD ON to your faith!

Simply BELIEVE in GRACE & HOLD ON to grace!

**Hebrews 3:12-14** reads ... *“See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.”*

That scripture starts out with “see to it” in other words – make sure you put in effort so that... “be intentional about your life in Christ” Other scriptures say “be careful then how you live...” If you CHOOSE to not allow people to speak into your life when you need it, you're choosing to be deceived.

If you CHOOSE to not read your Bible but only believe what you hear from others' you're choosing to miss out on important truth that you NEED.

If you CHOOSE to repeatedly sin, over and over, every day, willfully ignoring the Spirit of God with conscious effort,  
 Whether it's continuing to lie to your spouse, your coworkers, your boss, if it's a lying habit  
 Or if you continue to look at pornography every day, knowing you're sinning over and over and over,  
 Or if you're living together before you're married and trying to have the benefits of marriage without the commitment of marriage and every day you're doing this. ...  
 Anything you're doing EVERY day KNOWING you're going against the plan of God, then you're *choosing* to reject the faith that you once knew; you're choosing NOT to hold on to your faith like we read about. You're choosing NOT to endure to the end to be saved. Therefore you're choosing to be deceived.

Don't misunderstand me here. This doesn't mean you have to be perfect to go to heaven. No

**You don't' have to be perfect to go to Heaven. You have to be humble to go to heaven.  
 The harvest party is for the humble not the deserving.**

The Gospel is the story of Jesus coming to do for you what you could not do for yourself. He forgives you of every sin and makes you totally clean and forgiven and changes you from enemy to friend and from friend to child of God!

**So why does Jesus say “as the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into the field because the laborers are few.” ?**

Today, we're talking about why sometimes the harvest isn't easy and why sometimes it is. Turn to Luke 8.

Sometimes people are open and ready for the Gospel. Sometimes they are not. Ask the Holy Spirit to make them open to hearing the truth. Ask the Holy Spirit WHO is open to hearing the Gospel and to hearing your testimony.

## **PARABLE OF THE SOILS and SEED LUKE 8:1-15**

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

### **The Parable of the Sower**

<sup>4</sup> And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, <sup>5</sup> “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

### **The Purpose of the Parables**

<sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup> And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup> As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

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So there’s four soils / four types of people who hear the Gospel.

- 1) The Path. No teacher.
- 2) Rocky ground. Trials. Trouble. “This is Too hard”
- 3) Thorns Worldly lure
- 4) Good soil Grace gifts.

### **Parables are meant to both reveal and conceal.**

Reveal to those who are humble enough to keep digging.

Conceal to those who are too prideful to take a closer look.

Apparently the disciples recognize that something in Jesus’ teaching is not fully clear to everyone, hence their question... “Hey Jesus, why are you speaking in parables?”

It’s a prophecy fulfilled from Is 6:9 where the prophet says “they will be ever hearing but never understanding and ever seeing but never understanding”

Matthew includes these verses in the section on preaching to the crowds because they supply Jesus’ rationale for speaking to them as he has. Jesus’ reply points to the two-pronged purpose of parables—to reveal and to conceal.

As in 11:25–30, divine sovereignty and human responsibility are carefully balanced. Verse 11 introduces an undeniably predestinarian note. Certain privileges are reserved for Jesus’ followers that are not available to everyone else. Verse 11a reads more literally, *To you has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.* *Mysteries* (“secrets”) in the New Testament reflects the Aramaic background of *raz* (cf. Dan 2:28; 4:9). The term conveys primarily the sense of a *secret now revealed* but also contains the element of *something inscrutable*. As subsequent parables will clarify (see vv. 31–33), the mysteries here are not related to the establishment of the church or any supposed postponement of the kingdom but to the fact that the kingdom is present yet “not with irresistible power.” Verse 12 then explains the growing polarization of Jesus’ audience as the natural outgrowth of the election described in v. 11. What a person

“has” or “does not have” refers to the true insight that leads one to embrace Jesus and his kingdom, except in the final clause of v. 12, “even what he has will be taken from him,” which must refer to a more limited insight or openness that has not yet accepted the gospel (or perhaps, as in Luke 8:18, meaning *what he thinks he has*).

**13:13–15** Verse 13 introduces a second reason for Jesus’ speaking in parables. The Greek of v. 13a reads literally, *For this reason I speak to them in parables, because* (even though the NIV leaves “because” [*hoti*] untranslated). **“This reason,” then, points forward to the principle of v. 13b involving human response. The hidden aspect of the parables’ message is thus both a cause of and a response to people’s unwillingness to follow Jesus. “Seeing” and “hearing” are each used in two different senses here, once for simple sensory perception and then for the kind of insight that leads to acceptance of the gospel and discipleship.** “Understanding” is a key word for Matthew and Luke’s version of this parable in this chapter, especially in vv. 19 and 23, where he adds the term to his sources. The language of v. 13 is taken almost verbatim from Isa 6:9–10, LXX.<sup>17</sup> Jesus declares that the words of Isaiah are now being fulfilled. The word for “fulfill” here (*anaplēroō*) is different from before, the only time in the New Testament this verb is used with reference to Scripture. Verse 14a probably means *the prophecy of Isaiah applies to them*—i.e., the pattern of behavior in Isaiah’s time is repeating itself and being completed in Jesus’ day among those who reject him. “Ever” and “never” are somewhat misleading translations in light of Isa 6:13, which looks forward to the future restoration of at least some of those who are now obdurate. The sense is better rendered *you will surely hear but not understand; you will surely see but not perceive* (cf. Rotherham). Meanwhile v. 15 explains the current plight of those who reject Jesus. God confirms such people in their hard-heartedness in response to their freely chosen disobedience (as in the larger context of God’s call to Isaiah to prophesy to rebellious Israel; cf. also the sequence of events in Rom 1:18–32). Jesus sees his preaching in parables, in part at least, as a kind of judgment from God upon unbelieving Israel.

**13:16–17** On the other hand, for those whose hearts are open to God’s word, the parables provide much illumination. Jesus’ followers are indeed privileged because they are living in the age of the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises that even the greatest of God’s faithful people of old longed to see (cf. esp. Heb 11:39–40; 1 Pet 1:10–12). The disciples will not grasp everything Jesus says; the contrast with outsiders is relative rather than absolute. But they will be privy to Jesus’ explanations to move them on to greater understanding than most in the crowds have (vv. 18–23, 36–43). On “blessed” see comments under 5:3.

### (3) *The Interpretation of the Parable of the Sower (13:18–23)*

<sup>18</sup> **“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. <sup>22</sup> The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns**

**is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”**

**13:18–23** See also comments under vv. 1–9. Whether the people are meant to correspond to the seed or to the soils is more a problem for us than for Aramaic speakers. *Soil sown with seed*, as a whole, is in view in each case. S. Kistemaker concisely captures the three main points of the passage and the three subpoints under the final point: “The Word of God is proclaimed and causes a division among those who hear; God’s people receive the Word, understand it, and obediently fulfill it; others fail to listen because of a hardened heart, a basic superficiality, or a vested interest in riches and possessions.”<sup>20</sup> The parable provides a sober reminder that even the most enthusiastic outward response to the gospel offers no guarantee that one is a true disciple. Only the tests of time, perseverance under difficult circumstances, the avoidance of the idolatries of wealth and anxiety over earthly concerns (recall 6:25–34), and above all the presence of appropriate fruit (consistent obedience to God’s will) can prove a profession genuine.

#### Go & Make Disciples

Jesus says of us in John 17:14-19 “I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

This passage of scripture in Philippians is not just about how to become a citizen of heaven but how to live like a citizen of Heaven. We must keep our eyes on the goal in mind – being with Jesus in Heaven one day – hearing Father God’s voice saying “well done, good and faithful servant” - worshipping with all who’ve gone before us around the throne – this is our destiny, our finish line if you will. And when we get a glimpse of the finish line, it encourages us to run harder. When we get a glimpse of how Holy, magnificent and worthy Jesus is, we’ll surrender our lives with greater passion and intensity than ever before.

Jesus has not only risked his life for us, but given up His life for us. Now we have the opportunity to make the most of our life – living to please Him – by our actions we say “Thank you, God for saving me!”

We can see that Paul’s motive for living changed entirely after this encounter with Christ. My motive for living has changed since experiencing Christ and your motive for living – what drives you every day – what motivates every thought and choice will drastically change once you

experience the power of Jesus Christ through His Spirit. Once you experience the love of God by seeing what Christ has done, all you want to do in life is please Christ and no longer yourself.

We're going to take a look at another big portion of scripture and I believe God is really going to open our eyes. 1 Thess. 4:1 Message Version

"1-3 We ask you—urge is more like it—that you keep on doing what we told you to do to please God, not in a dogged religious plod, but in a living, spirited dance. (because you want to please Him) You know the guidelines we laid out for you from the Master Jesus. God wants you to live a pure life. Keep yourselves from sexual promiscuity. 4-5 Learn to appreciate and give dignity to your body, not abusing it, as is so common among those who know nothing of God. ... 9-10 Regarding life together and getting along with each other, you don't need me to tell you what to do. You're God-taught in these matters. Just love one another!

You're already good at it; your friends all over the province of Macedonia are the evidence. Keep it up; get better and better at it. (we have something to look forward to now!) Since Jesus died and broke loose from the grave, God will most certainly bring back to life those who died in Jesus. ... The Master himself will give the command. Archangel God's trumpet will blast! He'll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise—they'll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master. Oh, we'll be walking on air! And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master."

When we live to please ourselves, we'll never be really happy. When we live to please God, we find happiness and fullness of life.

Missionary David Livingston is known as one of the greatest pioneers in Christian world missions. He's known as often saying

"He is no fool who give us what he can not keep to gain what he can not lose." CHECK THE AUTHOR OF THIS QUOTE

What a remarkable way to express our need for a paradigm shift. Our way of thinking must change! Let me repeat that. Our way of thinking must change! We must start to value the eternal, unseen things more than the temporary seen things in every day of life. Now all of these leads up to the next few verses in Philippians. Listen to the passion in Paul's voice, the sense of urgency in his words.

Philippians 3:18- 21 "For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19 Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. 20 But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

What does it mean to be a citizen of Heaven? First let's ask what does it mean to be a citizen? Seriously, what does it mean to be a citizen of the US?

We can see that from Philippians 3:19. that those who are not citizens of Heaven are overly concerned with material wealth. What's it say? "Their mind is on earthly things" "...Their glory is their shame." In other words, those who are not citizens of heaven only care about their possessions and their pride.

Yet those who are citizens of heaven, care only about pleasing Father God, giving glory to Jesus by the life that they live and they care about those who still haven't joined the family of God.



# Awaiting Our Redemption

Romans 8  
2 Corinthians passage

Another cool thing about being a citizen of Heaven is knowing that one day, Jesus will return and take us to Heaven – we're we belong. If heaven is home to us, if this world just doesn't seem right, if we've received Jesus as a ransom from God, then Heaven is where we belong. It's awesome to know where you finally belong.

Nobody likes to feel like they don't belong – and God made it possible for you and I to belong to Heaven by sending Jesus Christ to die so that our crimes could be dismissed – we could be pardoned and not only pardoned from our crimes, but given rights as citizens of Heaven! Wow! What a loving God! This is why when we worship God and experience His mysterious presence with us, time can pass by so fast – hours can seem like minutes – why? Because we're finally where we belong! We belong with God. We belong in God's presence – it's what we were made for, but our sin separates us from God. So when we come to Christ and ask for forgiveness, our sins are removed and we feel the relationship with God – the sense of belonging again and there's nothing like that!

I don't care how cool or tough you think you are, when it comes down to the truth, you have in you, a God-given desire to belong – belong to a community – a family – and that desire comes from God – it's God-given because you belong to God! You are invited to HIS HARVEST PARTY and HE is the HOST and we are the guests!

For those of use who have already found the love of God in Christ Jesus, it is now our privilege and mission to tell others!

We have to go from the Great Commandment to the Great Commission!

WE've got to get serious about winning souls and reaching people for Jesus Christ.

There are so many people in Trumbull County who don't yet know Jesus!

202,000 people live in Trumbull County. The majority of them don't worship God on Sundays - they don't know the Lord! If they don't give their lives to Jesus asking Him to forgive them of their sin, they'll spend eternity away from God in total and utter darkness!

We have learned what it means to love one another and yes we're still learning but the Great Commandment (love God love people) is number one. Number two, what God wants you to do next is BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT and EMPOWERED to tell others about JESUS!

## The ascension

**I do. You watch. Lk 8, Matt 5, miracles after miracles they're watching**

**You do. I watch. Mk 10, Lk 10 Jesus sends the 72**

**You do. I leave. Acts 1 Jesus ascends to heaven.**

If Jesus would've stayed on earth, the disciples would've continued to look to HIM to do miracles but for 3 and 1/2 years Jesus was trying to get THEM to do miracles THEM to love the poor, orphan and the widow, the outcast and alone.

If Jesus would've stayed on the earth, the mission wouldn't have taken root.

The disciples realized THEY were plan A when Jesus left them!

GO & MAKE DISCIPLES! First be filled with the Holy Spirit and they were

Pillar of fire split up and multiplied over each head. \*Pillar of fire in OT. Sign to neighboring nations and people. Light / illumination HS helps you see what you wouldn't see without Him. And power - empowerment to be bold in sharing the Gospel.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' <sup>6</sup> And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

#### **Woe to Unrepentant Cities**

<sup>13</sup> "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup> But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

<sup>16</sup> "The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

#### **The Return of the Seventy-Two**

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

#### **Jesus Rejoices in the Father's Will**

<sup>21</sup> In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>22</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

<sup>23</sup> Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

<sup>25</sup> And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” <sup>37</sup> He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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We as Jesus followers must begin to see what Heaven sees. When we see as Heaven sees we will speak as Heaven speaks. What’s possible!

When you speak what’s possible it enables others to realize and live out the possibility that you and heaven create with your language.

JESUS and found Him to be the most beautiful thing they’ve ever seen!

They’ve encountered the Risen Lord!

They, like Mary Magdalene have said “Lord, Lord, I love You I just want to serve you!”

They, like Peter and John responded to Jesus when asked “Are you going to leave me too?”

Peter and John responded Lord, where else can we go? You alone have the words of life.”

WOW!

They found that their hearts burned with passion when Jesus spoke!

They can't escape the idea that their life was meaningless and empty and BORING before they came to know Jesus!  
But when Jesus came He LIT their hearts on FIRE!