Lesson 3
The PARABLES of Jesus
LIFE CHANGING STORIES
THE BEGINNING
Mark 10:15
15 I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

2 Corinthians 5:17
17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
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Romans 8:5
5 Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

Romans 14:17
17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

That means you may have to give up the way you are used to living.
You are trying to mix the old and the new.
That you don’t WANT to or can't SEEM to leave behind.
We are trying to pour portions of our old life into our new life as a Jesus follower.

Your past has to stay in the past.
The Holy Spirit coming into our lives and changing us

Purging out things in my life that will not promote Jesus.
1 Corinthians 6: 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Matthew 4:17 17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Luke 5:32 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Receiving Christ is not the end of the matter of who will lead whom. It turns out the decision I made to follow Him that day was one I would need to re enact every day
thereafter – not in the sense of becoming a Christian over and over but in the sense of

RE
APPROPRIATING
WHAT IT MEANS
TO BELONG TO
JESUS.

Jesus has
to win.

It's about Jesus and living for Him and serving Him.

It's a life of giving up ANYTHING that would not promote Him.

Jesus must come first… always.

I'm not going to_____ because I'm a follower of Jesus.

Leave your old wineskin in the past.

Philippians 3
8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

It didn't matter what he had to walk away from.

He could not pour those things into his new wineskin.

You can't bring the old things of the past into your new wineskin.

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17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have new.
Psalm 32
3 When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

1 John 3:
6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.
9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God’s seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

Psalm 51
For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.
1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.
2 Corinthians 7:8–11
8 Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—
9 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us.
10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Psalm 32
1 Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
2 Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.
5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”—and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Philippians 3:13
13 No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

I feel very sorry for all of you today. I will pray for each and every one of you that is in attendance. It appears that you are somewhat confused about the issue, the ability, and the power of the total redemption power and forgiveness of the blood of Jesus. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. No sin is greater or smaller than another. The same precious blood cleanses all manner of sin.
Colossians 1:13
13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Ephesians 5:8
8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

1 Peter 2:9
9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

I’m not interested in the old building. I want the site so I can build something brand new.

He isn’t interested in the old stuff from your past life

He is building your life into something new and amazing