



Lesson
The **4**
PARABLES
of Jesus

LIFE CHANGING STORIES
THE BEGINNING

Parables Lesson 4 Handout

Matthew 21:28–32

28 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’

29 He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went.

30 Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go.

31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said to Him, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.

32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

**The will
of God**

**Then
doing it.**

**When God wants you
to do something and
you are ignoring Him
there will always be
someone there to tell
you “you will be
fine.”**

Philippians 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Matthew 21:1 Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me.

3 And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them."

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.' "

6 So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them.

7 They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them.

8 And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

12 Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

14 Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

23 Now when He came into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people confronted Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"

24 But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things:

25 The baptism of John—where was it from? From heaven or from men?" they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

26 But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the multitude, for all count John as a prophet."

27 So they answered Jesus and said, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

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The will of God is that you follow ME - your scriptures tell you that.

Do what I say.

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Talked a big religious talk – but never did what God asked.

If I am part of the Kingdom of God then God is my King. My job is to figure out what the King wants and then do it.

You better know what pleases the King.

That kind of thinking is destroying biblical kingdom living.



YOU AND I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT PLEASES THE KING OF KINGS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

How do I know what He wants?

Get alone with God.

Read your Bible

Romans 12 :2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Hey Lisa, I am going through a tough time. I was raised by a single mother of five who used to wash people's clothes for money so we could eat. I went to school on government sponsorship and I managed to get a diploma.

I got born again in 2016 but the devil fought me and at that time he won. I went back doing worldly stuff. All that time my mom was home suffering with my other two younger brothers. But since early this year, I came back to Christ, got baptized and love the gospel. The Lord has put this thought of helping out old people and orphans as my ministry. I am afraid if I start it now I won't get to make money to help out my mother who is still struggling. And am afraid that the Lord will think am disobedient and do to me what he did to Jonah after He sent him to Nineveh and Jonah refused. In Uganda here I can't help the orphans or the old people or the people going through trauma because I might get in trouble with the government.

What do you think I should do? I would have moved to a country where my ministry will be appreciated but I am not able to financially. Am caught between doing

what God wants of me, and what my country allows and what I think I want. I need your advice.

First...please know that the Lord will not think you are being disobedient because the thing that matters to Him is making sure your family is taken care of first! I think the thought of helping orphans and widows is a great thought but it sounds like your mom and brothers might fit into that category so by working and helping your mother sounds like that is the most obedient thing you can do for the moment. Sometimes we get thoughts in our minds and that might be just a seed that is planted but that seed might not grow for 10 years or until your situation with your mom changes.

When Jesus was on the cross He told John to take care of His mother.

Paul says this in 1 Timothy 5:4 "But if a widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show godliness to their own household and to make some return to their parents, for this is pleasing in the sight of God."

Moses says this in Deuteronomy 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

I do not believe God would ever call you away from where you live now to help others if your mom is in need of your help. If I were you I would take that thought and put it on a shelf and see if in the future you still feel the same way. I get thoughts all the time that I think God wants me to do only to find out later that it was just a thought and not actually what I am supposed to do!

I commend you for caring about the widows and orphans and desiring to help but it sounds like your family needs you first and

foremost! I think that is when God is most pleased - when you are taking care of your immediate family!! There is time in the future for you to help others but I think she has to come first now!

The Holy Spirit's still small voice.

**Loving God?
Honoring God?
Loving others?
Pointing people to Jesus?**

Breaking a command God has given?

"Dear Ann, I have not asked this Jesus that you talked about into my heart yet, but I want you to know that somewhere at 35,000 feet between Boston and San Francisco, for the first time in my life, I believed that God is."

Jeremiah 42:

3 Pray that the LORD your God will show us what to do and where to go."

4 "All right," Jeremiah replied. "I will pray to the LORD your God, as you have asked, and I will tell you everything he says. I will hide nothing from you."

5 Then they said to Jeremiah, "May the LORD your God be a faithful witness against us if we refuse to obey whatever he tells us to do!

Do we care what God wants?

Do we care what we want?

What I used to want- I don't really want anymore.

We never want to be where God is not.

Exodus 33

14 And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.

6 Whether we like it or not, we will obey the LORD our God to whom we are sending you with our plea. For if we obey him, everything will turn out well for us.”

**Whether
we like
it or not.**

Jeremiah 42:10–20

10 ‘If you will still remain in this land, then I will build you and not pull you down, and I will plant you and not pluck you up. For I relent concerning the disaster that I have brought upon you.

11 Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid of him,’ says the LORD, ‘for I am with you, to save you and deliver you from his hand.

12 And I will show you mercy, that he may have mercy on you and cause you to return to your own land.’

13 “But if you say, ‘We will not dwell in this land,’ disobeying the voice of the LORD your God,

16 then it shall be that the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; the famine of which you were afraid shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there you shall die.

Jeremiah 43:7 So they went to the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of the LORD.

I will do anything
you say God – oh
wait – except
that.

**Finding out
what God
wants us to do
and then do it.**

**God what
do YOU
want?**

He really truly
reigns as King
in our life.