Parables Lesson 5 Handout

Luke 6
47 Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:
48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.
49 But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.”

John 9:1–3
1 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.
2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”
3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

“T“I am still disabled; my body is getting weaker every day. My son died with no “sudden healing”. My husband left and eventually divorced. To some it may seem that God did not
answer my prayers or that my encounter with Jesus left me unchanged. And yet I know with each answer of No God was doing something deeper in my life. There is no lasting peace or contentment apart from Jesus.”

When my life was easy – God was peripheral to me. My faith was important in theory but God often felt absent from everyday life. In my losses, I needed God every day. I needed His comfort, His wisdom, His presence. I needed God to give me strength because I had nothing left.

Imagine that my wife sees me one day, gaunt and emancipated. My eyes are sunken into gray sockets; my body is frail exposing my skeleton, my abdomen is distended from starvation. I’ve obviously not been eating. When she sees me in this condition, she exclaims, “What in the world is happening to you?” My answer - “I’m not getting fed around here – no one is feeding me.”
Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

Galatians 1:10
10 Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.

Matthew 10:28
28 “Don’t be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

2 Timothy 4:3–5
3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;
4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.
Hebrews 4:12
12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

John 14:26
26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:13
13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Hebrews 11:4
4 It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel’s offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.
Abraham teaches us how to listen to God and do what He says even if it doesn’t make sense at the time.

Joseph teaches us that what people mean for evil God can turn around and use for good.

Jeremiah and Daniel reminds us that God controls politics and world events and world leaders.

We learn that God is gracious and forgiving and redeeming from David.

We learn the blessing of running away from sin from Joseph.

Someone hurts your feelings.
Genesis 50:20
20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

When you get mad at someone for hurting your feelings – spend time with Joseph.

2 Kings 6:14–17
14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city.
15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, “Alas, my master! What shall we do?”
16 So he answered, “Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”
17 And Elisha prayed, and said, “LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

YOU BECOME FEARFUL

Elisha

Ezekiel
1 Samuel 24:4 Then the men of David said to him, “This is the day of which the L ORD said to you, ‘Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.’ And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.

5 Now it happened afterward that David’s heart troubled him because he had cut Saul’s robe.

6 And he said to his men, “The L ORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the L ORD’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the L ORD.”