Sunday, July 24, 2018 Pastor Bryan Durrett The Moral of the Story



#### Luke 13:6-9

And He began telling this parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. <sup>7</sup> And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup> And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; <sup>9</sup> and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down."

# God has an expectation for you and I will come to know Him

#### 2 Peter 3:8-10

But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance

### There is an expectation when we know Him we will bear fruit

#### Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law

# We will bear fruit

#### John 15:1-11

Our fruit bearing ability is contingent on us abiding in Him.

# Repent

### Romans 3:23

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

#### Romans 3:10

as it is written,
"There is none righteous, not even one

#### Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned

#### Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord

#### Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us

#### **Romans 10:13**

for "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

#### Romans 10:9-10

that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation

The fruit we <u>produce</u> is <u>not</u> dependent on what we <u>do</u> but <u>who</u> we spend our time with.

#### Matthew 7:16

You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?

# God intended that people would know us by our fruit.

# God did not intend for us to be baron people

### John 10:10b

...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

### Its God's character not our production

### Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

**Comfort** is the enemy of **Success**.

Repent

Wake Up

**Lordship**