

Sermon Title: Wood & Nails: Thirst for More

Scripture: Matthew 13:53-58

The offer:

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“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then **in his joy** went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth.³² Yet when planted, **it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.**”

Mark 4:30-32

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:17-19

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

John 10:10

An abundant life together with God.

The rejection:

When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there.⁵⁴ Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked.⁵⁵ “Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?⁵⁶ Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?”⁵⁷ And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”⁵⁸ And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

Matthew 13:53-58

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*“Sin is always the issue, and Jesus is always the solution. Changing the issue is **legalism**; changing the solution is **idolatry**.”*

-Tim Keller

*The tension of acknowledging Jesus' abilities but **diminishing His identity**:*

“Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked.⁵⁵ “Isn’t this... v54-55

*The reluctance to move beyond **preconceived ideas about Jesus**:*

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*The reluctance to move beyond **past experiences with Jesus**:*

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, **“He is out of his mind.”**

Mark 3:20-21

*The reluctance to move beyond **personal expectations of Jesus**:*

Jesus’ brothers said to him, “Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do.⁴ No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. **Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.**”⁵ For even his own brothers did not believe in him.

John 7:3-5

For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face.⁸ I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my own mother’s children;⁹ for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

Psalm 69:7-9

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Jesus cannot have a healthy & thriving relationship with you, **without you.**

*Responding **better**:*

Pray for faith

“‘If you can?’” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

24 Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, **“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”**

Mark 9:23-24

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”⁶ He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

Luke 17:5-6

A little of the right thing goes a long way.

“Come, follow me,”

Matthew 4:19a

Plan your calendar with Jesus in mind.

“and I will send you out to fish for people.”

Matthew 4:19b

Give yourself over to where Jesus is stretching you.