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# KINGDOM VIRTUES

THE PARABLES OF JESUS  
FROM THE GOSPEL  
OF LUKE

JULY 28, 2019

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# Reflections

Those who aren't following Jesus aren't his followers. It's that simple. Followers follow, and those who don't follow aren't followers. To follow Jesus means to follow Jesus into a society where justice rules, where love shapes everything.

- Scott McKnight

Jesus was the only One that ever raised the dead," The Misfit continued, "and He shouldn't have done it. He thrown everything off balance. If He did what He said, then it's nothing for you to do but throw away everything and follow Him, and if He didn't, then it's nothing for you to do but enjoy the few minutes you got left the best way you can -- by killing somebody or burning down his house or doing some other meanness to him. No pleasure but meanness," he said and his voice had become almost a snarl.

- Flannery O'Connor, "The Misfit" in *A Good Man is Hard to Find*

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# Sermon

*The Wedding and the Banquet*

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# Scripture

Luke 14:7-27

<sup>7</sup> Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup> and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup> For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

<sup>15</sup> When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” <sup>16</sup> But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ <sup>19</sup> And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ <sup>20</sup> And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’

<sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ <sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.”

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

# Events & News

## **Kyrgyzstan Wrap Party, July 29 @ 6:00 PM**

Join us at the Church Office (6330 San Vicente Blvd, LA 90048) for a simple gathering, including light snacks and drinks, to hear about our recent missions trips to Central Asia.

For more information email [sdeblasio@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:sdeblasio@pacificcrossroads.org)

## **General Fund Update** (as of 7/14/19)

**Offerings Budget: \$2,288,559**

**Expenses Budget: \$2,728,843**

**Offerings Actual: \$2,171,985**

**Expenses Actual: \$2,384,720**

## **Parking Information**

**Westside:** Volunteers will pay your parking for 30 minutes after service at a walk-up pay station.

**Downtown:** The auxillary parking structure closes at 8pm. Cars cannot be accessed after that time.

*View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website,*

**PacificCrossroads.org/Events**, *or speak with someone at the 'New Here' tent.*

# Ministry Resources

## **Congregational Care**

Our congregational care team is here to care for you if you are in a difficult place.

Email: [congregationalcare@pacificcrossroads.org](mailto:congregationalcare@pacificcrossroads.org) or call our office at **310.551.0081**

## **Celebrate Recovery**

Join together weekly with others to celebrate God's healing power in our lives.

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