



# GOSPEL STORIES:

JESUS & HIS PARABLES



# CALL TO WORSHIP

*11 The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.*

**-2 Timothy 2:11-13**



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king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and  
sent his servants to call those who were invited to  
the wedding feast, but they would not come.  
4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those  
who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner,  
my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered,  
and everything is ready. Come to the wedding  
feast.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off,  
one to his farm, another to his business,*



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*6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.*



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*11 “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”*

*-Matthew 22:1-14*



# GOSPEL STORIES: AN INVITATION REJECTED VS. 1-7

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Prophetic Parable looking forward to post-resurrection (33 ad) -  
destruction of Temple in Jerusalem (70 ad)

Jewish Religious Leaders  
(21:23, 24, 27b, 45)

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying,

“When the chief priest and the Pharisees heard his parables, they  
perceived he was speaking about them” Matt. 21:45



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God the Father

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Multiple X's Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Matt. 26:29; Rev. 19)

those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would

Those offering gospel invitation: Prophets, Apostles, etc.

not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those

Ethnic Jews/Religious Leaders (Jhn. 1:11)

who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and

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Come to the wedding feast.””



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Rejection Response 1: Complacency

5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm,

Rejection Response 2: Contempt (Think Gospels/Acts)

another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants,

treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry,

Roman Empire Under Titus

and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and

Fall of Jerusalem/Destruction of Temple (70 ad)

burned their city.



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*“4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.6 He will render to each one according to his works.” -Romans 2:4-6*

*9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. -2 Pet. 3:9-10*



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God's patience has an expiration date.



# GOSPEL STORIES: AN INVITATION EXTENDED VS. 8-13

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The King/God the Father

8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but

Ethnic Israel (See Acts 13:46) those invited were not worthy. Call to Great Commission/Gentiles 9 Go therefore to the main roads

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The Church  
with guests.



# GOSPEL STORIES: AN INVITATION EXTENDED VS. 8-13

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him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding

The Key to the Feast

garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the

Possibly angels? (See Parable of Nets & Parable of Weeds)

attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer

Hell = out of presence of King & the Son

darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of

teeth.’



# GOSPEL STORIES: WHAT IS THE WEDDING GARMENT?

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*1. It could be referring to our baptism.*

- Gal. 3:27: For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- Early Christians did wear baptismal garments/robes.

*2. It could be less literal and refer to gospel virtue.*

- Col. 3:12,14-- 12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience; 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony..
- This is the route Augustine took, saying the garment = love.



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## 3. *It could be faith.*

- Luther- “The wedding garment here is faith, which many will lack at Judgement Day. W/O faith, no one can remain at the wedding.”

## 4. *It could be the evidential works of righteousness.*

- Rev. 19:7-8 -- 7 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; 8 it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.
- For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



*“There is no point in arguing about the marriage garment, whether it is faith or a holy and godly life; for faith cannot be separated from good works and good works proceed only from faith. All Christ wants to say here is that we are called by the Lord under the condition that we be renewed in our spirits into His image, and therefore, if we are to remain always in His house, the old man with all his blemishes is to be cast off and we are to practice the new life so that our appearance may correspond to our honourable calling.”*

*-John Calvin*



# A PUSH TO PERSEVERE V.14

Divine Sovereignty is not at odds with Man's Responsibility

Key Word: vs. 3,8,9,14

14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

King = Dominate in Talking & Acting AND SIMULTANEOUSLY

Man = Responsible for not putting on wedding garment

*"Where Paul uses the word (chosen) to pull us, Jesus uses it to push us, to push us through the narrow gate and down the straight and narrow path that leads to life." -Douglas O'Donnell*

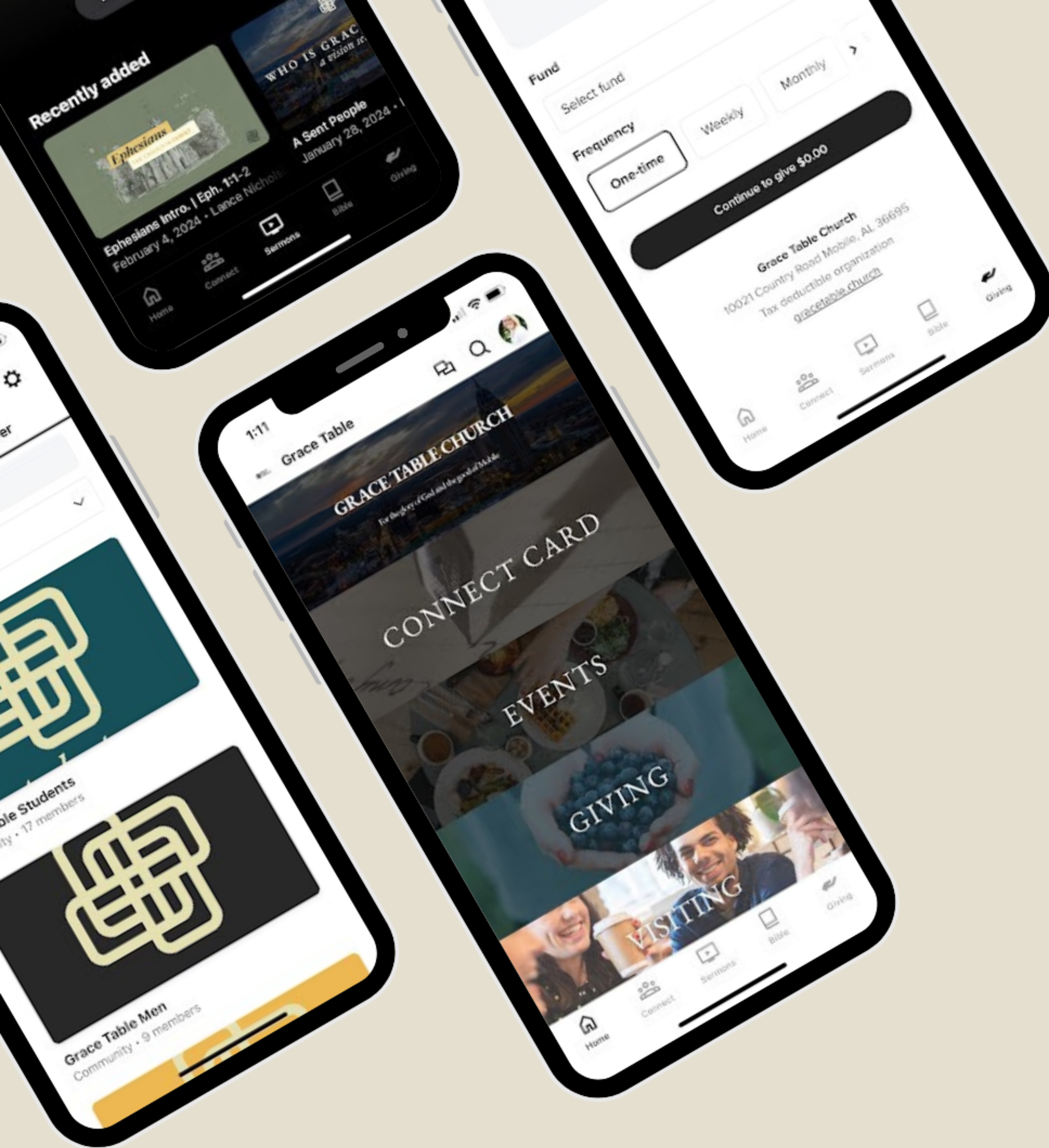




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The Kids Table

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# BENEDICTION

**Leader:**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

*-2 Corinthians 13:14*

**People:**

*And also with you.*



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