



**FIRST BAPTIST**  
— CHURCH —  
FAIR OAKS RANCH

**Day 16: Well Done, Good and Faithful**

**Matthew 25:21** *His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." (ESV)*

**DEVOTIONAL**

We close our segment on faithfulness by looking ahead to the moment every faithful servant lives for: the master's return, the settling of accounts, and those five words the redeemed heart most longs to hear: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Everything we have discussed this week about fidelity and obedience finds its meaning here, at the end, in the presence of the Master.

Notice again that word "faithful": the Greek *pistos*, the same word from Day 13. Notice also what the master commends. Not "well done, brilliant servant," not "well done, successful servant," not "well done, impressive servant." He commends faithfulness. The measure at the last day will not be how gifted we were, how much we accomplished, or how many people admired us. It will be whether we were faithful with what He entrusted to us. Warren Wiersbe put it this way: "The important thing is not the praise of men; it is the approval of God." We spend so much of our lives hungry for human applause that fades with the next viral moment; but in the end only one verdict will finally matter.

Consider what the servant was faithful with: "faithful over a little." This ties the whole segment together. The reward at the end is not given for one heroic act or grand act of religious charity attempting to atone for a life filled with regret, but for a lifetime of little faithfulnesses. These are the small, hidden, daily obediences of Days 13 through 15, added up over years. The consistent, humble, faithful servant simply kept walking in *fear* and doing right, in the daily little things, even while the Master seemed delayed. And then at the appointed time, the Master came back.

That last phrase should quicken our hearts: “Enter into the joy of your master.” Faithfulness does not end in mere reward or eternal life vs hell, but in joy. In being welcomed into the very gladness of God and Christ Himself. This is why holiness is never a grim, joyless grind; even though it may be a daily struggle. It is the road home. Every faithful choice, every buried and quiet obedience, every trembling submission to His Word is a step toward the doorway of those words.

And this points us straight into what comes next. The servant was faithful because he knew the master was coming back. That expectation of the imminent return changed how he lived while the Master was away. Tomorrow, we turn the corner into the second letter of our journey — E, Expectant — and discover how living in the light of Christ’s return transforms every ordinary day into an extraordinary life.

### **TAKE AWAY**

At the end, the measure won’t be how gifted or successful you were, but whether you were faithful. Live today for the one verdict that lasts: “Well done.”

### **PRAYER PROMPT**

Ask the Lord to help you live this day faithfully in the little things, longing to one day hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”