

Stories You Didn't Hear in Sunday School

The Cursed Fig Tree

Matthew 21:18-22 NRSVUE

In the morning, when he returned to the city, he was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the fig tree withered at once.

- Matthew 21:18-22

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"The question is not: How many people take you seriously? How much are you going to accomplish? Can you show some results?, but:
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- Henri Nouwen

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What parts of our lives don't align
with the love God has called us to?