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The Kingdom Of God Series

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# Fairness and Injustice

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# Expose Injustices!

“When you see something that is not right, not just, not fair, you have a moral obligation to say something, to do something.”

John Lewis

# Matthew 20:1-16

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# The Kingdom of Heaven

For the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out in the morning along with the dawn to hire workmen for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour (nine o'clock), he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; And he said to them, You go also into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will pay you. And they went. He went out again about the sixth hour (noon), and the ninth hour (three o'clock) he did the same. And about the eleventh hour (five o'clock) he went out and found still others standing around, and said to them, Why do you stand here idle all day? They answered him, Because nobody has hired us. He told them, You go out into the vineyard also and you will get whatever is just and fair.

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, Call the workmen and pay them their wages, beginning with the last and ending with the first. (Matt 20:1-8) AMP

# The Heat of the Day

## Vineyard

- Owner
- Manager
- Goes out several times
- Standing around (nothing)
- Denarius
- Heat of the Day
- Those who worked longer
- Happiness and Disappointment (Ezra 3:11-13)

## Kingdom

- God
- Jesus?
- Wants all to be saved
- Purposeless Life (Lost)
- Promised Salvation
- Trails and Challenges
- Test of those who are older
- Young and old

# Older Christians

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# Warning for Older Christians

- Once fired up and grateful
- A Denarius was enough (Agreed to)
- Didn't Promise An Easy Life
- Tested by God (Changes)
- Salvation is not enough (Expected more)
- Complained against God (Lost Gratitude)
- I'm worth more! (experience, hours)
- Ageism (Salvation, Love and Holy Spirit)
- The Young have it easy! (Pauline)
- Perceived Injustices (Tested)
- Reluctant to work for the Vineyard owner (God)
- World (Age, experience, qualifications)

# Heat in the Church

- Spouse/Children
- Passing of Loved Ones
- No leaders
- Young Leaders
- Health Issues
- Fall Aways
- Changes
- Pandemic
- Salvation +

# Radical Difference

## World

- Limited Work force
- A Pay Scale
- Paid by Hours
- Paid by Experience
- Paid by Education
- Attitudes (Competition)
- Humanistic (Physical)
- Deceptive /Distracting
- No Eternal Value

## Kingdom

- All can work (Owner)
- All get the same
- Hours mean nothing
- Experience means nothing
- Education means nothing
- Gratitude (No Grumbling)
- Spiritual (Love & Salvation)
- Intentional
- Eternity Awaits

# Working for the Harvest!

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields {vineyard}! They are ripe for harvest

(John 4:34-35)

# Warning for Non- Christians!

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We are in the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour!

2 Peter 3:8-13

# The Holy, Godly and Righteous

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells

(2 Peter 3:8-13)

# The Clock of Life

- The clock of life is wound but once,  
And no man has the power  
To tell just when the hands will stop  
At late or early hour.
- To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,  
To lose one's health is more,  
To lose one's soul is such a loss  
That no man can restore.
- The present only is our own,  
So Live, Love, toil with a will --  
Place no faith in 'Tomorrow' --  
For the clock may then be still

(Robert H. Smith)

When we received our  
Denarius!

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April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1991



# The Heat in the Kingdom!

- Friends fallen (converted, friends).
- No food
- Laid off /Fired
- Perceived Injustices (Not fair)
- Racism
- Life threatened
- Wife's Migraines and Depression
- Times of Discouragement (God's Will)
- Selling Everything Several Times! (27/55)

# 10 Years Ago



Is a Denarius still  
enough?

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# Attitudes about Kingdom Work!

- Too Old
- Done my time (Old Stories)
- Younger people should sacrifice now!
- Focus on Retirement/Family
- Compare ourselves with others
- Complacency and Comfort
- At 56 Years old/ Older kids/ 31 Years in the Vineyard.
- Put in my time (Planted churches, Sacrificed)

Can't win today's  
Battles on Yesterday's  
Victories

Brother Yun

# Old Men will Dream Dreams

- At 56 Years Old
- New Generation (Brandon)
- Raise up Evangelists and Teachers
- Island Planting
- Write new books
- Elder
- More People being saved (5 People)
- Finish the Day Strong

# Learn about the Kingdom of Heaven

- God wants Everyone in it
- Outside of the Kingdom, you are doing Nothing/Idle.
- God will come out again and again
- Could this be 11<sup>th</sup> Hour?
- There will be Heat!
- God will Tests Us
- Older Christian can lose their appreciation for their Salvation (Grumbling)

# When the Day Began!



# Marvin: Have a Last Hour Attitude

- Tomorrow is not Guaranteed
- Live each day for the Lord
- Work as hard in the last hour as my first (Consistent)
- Grateful to be chosen (Joy)
- Grateful to be in the Vineyard (Kingdom)
- He never said it would be easy! (Carry Cross)
- Don't be discourage from the Heat!
- Believe in God's Promise (1<sup>st</sup> hour to last)
- Marvin: Finish the Day Strong

# 31 Years of Heat

- Many Reasons to Settle!
- Still Loving the Lost
- Still Willing to go anywhere
- Still Willing to give up everything
- Still Working in the Vineyard
- Still Grateful
- Still Sacrificing
- Still Dreaming
- Despite the Heat!