Be Faithful in Little Things

Luke 16

- 10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.
 - 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?
 - 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

(NIV)

Luke 16

- 10 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.
- 11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?
- 12 "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? (NKJ)

Matthew 25

- 14 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.
- 15 "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.
 - 16 "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.
 - 17 "And likewise he who had received two gained two more also.
 - 18 "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.
 - 19 "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.
- 20 "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.'
- 21 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'
- 22 "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I <u>have gained two more talents</u> besides them.'
- 23 "His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, <u>I will make you</u> ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'
- 24 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.
 - 25 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'
- 26 "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.
- 27 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.
- 28 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.
- 29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away.
 - 30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

1 Kings 17

- 10 So he (Elijah) arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."
 - 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."
- 12 So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."
- 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but <u>make me a small cake from it first</u>, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son.
- 14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel: The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth."
 - 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

1 Kings 19

- 19 So he (Elijah) departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him.
- 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he (Elijah)said to him (Elisha), "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"
- 21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen's equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

2 Kings 4

- 1 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant <u>my husband is dead,</u> and you know that your servant <u>feared the LORD</u>. And <u>the creditor is coming</u> to take my two sons to be his slaves."
- 2 So <u>Elisha said</u> to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, <u>what do you have in the house?</u>" And she said, "Your maidservant has <u>nothing in the house but a jar of oil."</u>
- 3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors-empty vessels; do not gather just a few.
- 4 "And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then <u>pour it into all those vessels</u>, and set aside the full ones."
 - 5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.
- 6 Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased.
- 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he (Elisha) said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

Matthew 10

- 41 "He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
- 42 "And whoever gives one of these little ones <u>only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you,</u> he shall by no means lose his reward."

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Matthew 20

- 1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
- 2 "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
- 4 "and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went.
- 5 "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise.
- 6 "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?'
- 7 "They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'
- 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.'
 - 9 "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.
 - 10 "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.
 - 11 "And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner,
- 12 "saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.'
 - 13 "But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?
 - 14 '<u>Take what is yours</u> and go your way. <u>I wish to give to this last man the same</u> as to you. (NKJV)

Luke 9

- 51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him (Jesus) to be received up, that <u>He steadfastly set His face to go</u> to Jerusalem,
- 52 and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.
- 53 But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem.
- 54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?"
- 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of.
- 56 "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village. *CONT:*
- 57 Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him (Jesus), "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go."
- 58 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."
- 59 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."
- 60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."
- 61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."
- 62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (NKJV)

James 5

- 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- 17 <u>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain</u> on the land for three years and six months.
- 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.
- 19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,
- 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins. (NKJV)

Matthew 17

- 24 When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?"
- 25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"
- 26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free.
- 27 "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."