

The Parable of the Great Feast / The Storyteller
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The Table + Empty Chairs

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The Excuses We Make

A Field. Some Oxen. A Wife.

1. The excuses are flimsy.

- They sound reasonable.
- They are transparent attempts to avoid the invitation.

2. The excuses misuse Scripture. (*Deuteronomy 20:5-7*)

- Property.
- Work.
- Family.
- Good gifts become shields against obedience.

3. The excuses reveal what we love most.

- Not bad things. Good things that became ultimate things.
- 'Disordered loves' that become idols.

Underneath the surface of all the excuses

The most dangerous word in your spiritual life isn't "no." It's "later."

THE UPDATED INVITATION + NEW GUEST LIST

The Master Refuses to Cancel the Feast

- The servant is sent into the streets and alleys.
- The poor, crippled, blind, and lame are welcomed.
- There is still room for more. (THIS IS THE GOSPEL!!!)

Do you know who shows up to the feast with joy?

The people who knew they needed it!

It's awfully difficult to invite people to a feast you're not even attending.

FOUR TRUTHS + TWO QUESTIONS

Four Truths

1. God's grace is more generous than we can imagine.
2. Our excuses are more dangerous than we realize.
3. God's table is more inclusive than we expected.
4. The invitation is more urgent than we remember.

Two Questions

1. Are you at the table?
2. Who's missing from the table?