

# PARABLES

## JESUS THE STORYTELLER

Sunday, August 7, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Dave Winters

### Matthew 21:28-32 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'  
<sup>29</sup> And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went.  
<sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go.  
<sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."  
Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.  
<sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

### Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.  
<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### John 14:21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

## Part 11 | The Two Sons

Matthew 21:28-32

Following Jesus means **HONESTY**,

I will not = the sinful nature we all have

Jesus is not a quick yes. Matthew 16:24; Colossians 3:12-13; Luke 14:33

a change of **MIND**,

Matthew 26:39; Romans 12:1-2

and **OBEDIENCE**.

Salvation is not earned but is revealed by it's \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 5:23-24

Salvation is not earned but is revealed by \_\_\_\_\_.

John 14:21

Salvation is a mile marker not a \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_, not decisions.

Matthew 28:19



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# Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

The Christian life—our growth in Christ—is nothing other than the lifelong deconstruction of what we naturally think and assume and reconstruction of truth through the Bible.

*Dane Ortlund, "Deeper"*

No one has saving faith, for example, without first having God's law crush him with despair of any hope outside of Christ. No one can exercise real faith without at the same time turning from sin by repentance. And there is no true faith that doesn't produce good works as its fruits...

*Petrus Van Mastricht*

**Read Matthew  
21:28-32.**

5. Is there any area of your life where you have told God "I will not?"

1. Do you believe God values your honesty? Why or why not?
2. How do you practice "honesty" with God? If you have not practiced honesty with God, what are some practical ways that you can start today?
3. When was the last time you "changed your mind" about Jesus? Is there anything today you need to "change your mind" about Jesus?
4. What steps do you need to take so you "know your own playbook" as a Christian?

### Now or Later

In a time of quiet reflection, ask God to renew and change your mind. Thank him for his mercy and goodness towards you. Thank God for the ability to be honest with him and the ability to have renewed minds. Ask him to grow your obedience towards him. And thank him for his continued work in your life.



## Life Groups Return In the Fall!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you should get in a Life Group! — *Most groups take a break for the summer, so if you're interested, look for sign-ups starting next week or let us know on the digital Connect Card at wawasee.today or stop by the Connect Desk. Look for other opportunities to connect outside of Life Groups throughout the summer.*

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## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Mark 4:30-34 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>30</sup>And he **said**, "With what can we **compare** the **kingdom** of God, or what **parable** shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is **like** a **grain** of **mustard seed**, which, **when sown** on the **ground**, is the **smallest** of all the **seeds** on **earth**, <sup>32</sup>yet **when** it is **sown** it **grows** up and **becomes larger** than all the **garden plants** and **puts** out **large branches**, so that the **birds** of the air can **make nests** in its **shade**." <sup>33</sup>With **many such parables** he **spoke** the word to them, as they were **able** to **hear** it. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a **parable**, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.