



Legacy

**building a life that
outlasts you**

Welcome to the Journey!

I am so excited you're choosing to invest your time and heart into this study.

We live in a culture that is constantly whispering that a little bit "more" will finally bring us security. But trying to white-knuckle our way through life only leaves us running on empty. This devotional is designed to completely flip the script. Together, we're going to look closely at Jesus' encounters and parables to discover a liberating truth: you cannot build a meaningful legacy with a closed fist.

Real freedom and lasting impact aren't found in what we accumulate, but in living with open hands. Over the next few weeks, we will explore how shifting our focus from earthly ownership to eternal stewardship rewrites our entire "why."

How to Use This Devotional

Transformation grows out of proximity to Jesus, not duty.

- **Take it Day by Day:** Spend a few quiet minutes with Scripture five days a week. If you miss a day, just pick back up.
- **Be Brutally Honest:** Use the daily reflections to see who is truly calling the shots in your life.
- **Take the Next Step:** God isn't looking for perfection. He wants a willing heart ready to deploy what you've been given.

This isn't about checking a religious box or protecting our own comfort. It's an invitation to let grace move into your house, break the pressure to hoard, and start building a reality that outlasts the present moment.

Take a deep breath. The pressure is off. Let's dive in!

Week 1:

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Luke 19:1-10

October 19, 2026

The View from the Tree

Scripture: Luke 19:1-4

Devotional Thought: Zacchaeus had absolutely everything money could buy, yet he was still running on empty. That's the real reason he climbed the sycamore tree. It wasn't just about getting a better view of a passing celebrity; it was a desperate search for something his success could never give him.

Honestly? We do the exact same thing. We try to fill our lives with more: more possessions, more achievements, more control, hoping it will finally quiet that internal ache. But here is the truth we have to face: No amount of "more" can fill a space that was uniquely created for God.

But here is the beautiful part of the story: Jesus isn't intimidated by our emptiness.

In fact, that empty space is usually the exact place where He shows up to meet us. When we finally stop trying to hustle and fill the void ourselves, we discover the one thing that changes everything: He is enough.

Reflection Question: What is one area of your life where you're currently chasing "more" instead of resting in Jesus?

October 20, 2026

Called by Name

Scripture: Luke 19:5

Devotional Thought: Before Zacchaeus ever changed his life, he was chosen.

Think about that moment: Jesus looked straight up into that tree, called him out by name, and invited Himself over for dinner. He didn't wait for an apology. He didn't demand a clean track record, and He didn't make Zacchaeus prove he was worthy.

If we're being honest, so many of us still live like God's love is something we have to earn. We get stuck in this loop of thinking, "If I can just be a little better, try a little harder, or mess up less... then God will finally accept me."

But the gospel completely flips the script on that kind of thinking.

Jesus doesn't love us because we've changed; His love is the very thing that changes us.

When it finally clicks that you are already fully known and fully loved by Him, the pressure is off. You're finally free to stop performing and start becoming the person He actually created you to be.

Reflection Question: In what area of your life are you still trying to "earn" God's approval instead of just resting in His grace?

October 21, 2026

Joy Changes Everything

Scripture: Luke 19:6-7

Devotional Thought: The moment Jesus stepped through the door of Zacchaeus' house, everything shifted.

Zacchaeus welcomed Him with pure joy, completely tuning out the critics and complainers standing outside. The religious leaders could only focus on everything Zacchaeus had done wrong. But Jesus? He bypassed the ledger of his mistakes and focused entirely on relationship.

It is so easy for our faith to slide into being driven by guilt, obligation, or the exhaustion of trying to measure up.

But here is the truth about how we work: Lasting transformation never grows out of duty—it grows out of proximity. It comes from simply spending time with Jesus.

The more we experience His actual love and presence, the less appealing those old things we used to cling to become. We don't have to white-knuckle our way to behavior modification.

Reflection Question: Think about your relationship with God this week. Is it currently feeling more like a duty to fulfill, or a relationship to enjoy?

October 22, 2026

Extravagant Grace, Open Hands

Scripture: Luke 19:8

Devotional Thought: Zacchaeus didn't suddenly become generous because Jesus handed him a list of rules or told him he had to. He became generous because grace had completely transformed his heart.

Instead of looking for loopholes or asking, "What's the bare minimum I need to do to get by?" he responded with joyful, over-the-top, extravagant generosity.

That is exactly what real grace does. It completely rewrites our "why."

We stop looking at generosity as a heavy obligation or a box to check, and we start seeing it for what it truly is: a massive privilege. Whether we're talking about our time, our resources, or our love, we don't give to get—we give because we've already received so much from Jesus.

At the end of the day, a transformed heart doesn't white-knuckle its possessions. It doesn't cling tightly to what it has. A heart changed by Jesus naturally opens its hands.

Reflection Question: Take a look at your hands this week—metaphorically speaking. Are you holding onto your time, talent, or treasure with a tight fist, or are you living with open hands?

October 23, 2026

Walking To Instead of Away

Scripture: Luke 19:9-10

Devotional Thought: Jesus didn't invite Himself over because Zacchaeus finally got his act together. He went looking for him simply because Zacchaeus was lost.

That is the absolute heartbeat of the gospel: Jesus actively seeks, finds, and saves the exact people who could never, ever save themselves.

When that truth finally sinks in—when we truly get what Jesus has done for us—generosity stops feeling like an assignment. It becomes a natural, healthy overflow.

We don't give or serve to get God to love us more; we do it because we're already drowning in His love. Our time, our kindness, our resources, and our compassion aren't credentials we flash to prove our worth—they are just the living evidence that grace has moved into our house.

Ultimately, a generous life does something beautiful: it redirects the spotlight. It points people right past us and directly to the Savior who first gave everything for us.

Reflection Question: How can I use my time, resources, or kindness this week to reflect the love and grace Jesus has shown me?

October 24, 2026

First Steps and Open Hearts

Scripture: Luke 19:8

Devotional Thought: We are at the very beginning of our Legacy journey, and if we are being completely honest, the idea of building something new at Quay can sometimes feel a bit overwhelming. We start thinking about the bottom line, the scope of a new worship center, everything that comes with it, or what it might cost us.

But remember Zacchaeus. His radical generosity didn't start with a financial calculation or a high-pressure pitch. It started the moment Jesus stepped into his house and filled his empty spaces with grace. Generosity is a natural, healthy overflow of a heart that knows it is fully loved.

As we look ahead to Commitment Sunday on November 15, we aren't starting with spreadsheets; we are starting with prayer. The pressure is completely off. Before we ask, "What am I supposed to bring?" we need to ask, "Lord, would You give me an open heart?" This week isn't about white-knuckling a decision or rushing into a commitment.

It's about spending time in proximity to Jesus and letting Him break the pressure to hoard or play it safe. Let's use this season to simply ask God to prepare our hearts to hear His voice.

Reflection Question: Take a quiet moment right now to open your hands physically. What is one anxiety or hesitation about this Legacy season that you need to pray through and hand over to Jesus today?

Week 2: The Rich Fool

Luke 12:13-21

October 26, 2026

The Mirage of “More”

Scripture: Luke 12:13-15

Devotional Thought: Jesus constantly pulls us back to a reality we easily forget: your life is worth infinitely more than the sum of your possessions.

It is so incredibly easy to fall for the lie that just a little more money, a tiny bit more success, or a slightly higher level of comfort will finally be the thing that makes us feel secure. But the pursuit of “more” is a hamster wheel that never stops spinning. The second we reach one goal, the finish line immediately moves, and another goal takes its place.

True, lasting peace is never going to be found in the accumulation of stuff. It is only found in trusting the God who provides.

When we pause and remember that every single thing we have is a grace-gift from Him anyway, the pressure to hoard breaks. We stop living with clenched fists and start living with open hands.

That shift right there is exactly where a lasting legacy actually begins. You can’t build a meaningful legacy with a closed fist.

Reflection Question: Where has the mirage of “more” been pulling at your attention this week? What would it look like to open your hand in that specific area today?

October 27, 2026

The “My” Trap

Scripture: Luke 12:16-17

Devotional Thought: In Jesus’ parable of the rich fool, the wealthy man had a serious vocabulary issue. He talked entirely about himself: my crops, my barns, my goods.

He was completely blind to the bigger picture. He never paused to thank God, and he never once considered how his massive harvest could be a blessing to the people around him. His success had completely consumed his worldview.

If we aren’t careful, we can fall into the exact same trap. It is incredibly easy to buy into the myth that our hard work, our raw talent, or our sheer determination is the sole reason for our success.

Now, don’t get me wrong—those things matter. But the gospel reminds us of a deeper truth: every good gift we have ultimately comes from God.

That is why gratitude is such a game-changer. It shifts our identity. It reminds us that we aren’t the owners of our lives and resources—we are just the stewards.

When you stop viewing your blessings as things you earned and start seeing them as gifts you’ve been trusted with, everything changes. You stop looking for bigger barns to store them in, and you start looking for ways to use them to serve others.

Reflection Question: Look at your own “crops and barns” right now. Where has the word “my” been creeping into your vocabulary lately where it really should be “His”?

October 28, 2026

The Surplus Trap

Scripture: Luke 12:18-19

Devotional Thought: The moment the rich man realized he had received way more than he actually needed, his automatic instinct kicked in: “How can I protect and keep this?”

Instead of looking outward, he looked inward. He drew up blueprints for bigger barns so he could store every last bit of it for himself. He completely skipped the most important question any of us can ask: “God, how do You want me to use what You’ve just given me?”

If we’re being honest, it is so easy for us to fall into that exact same default setting.

Whenever we hit a surplus—whether that’s extra time in our schedule, a little breathing room in our bank account, a specific skill set, or a bump in our platform and influence—our first reaction is often to build a wall around it and protect it. We view it as a luxury to hoard rather than an opportunity to invest.

But that’s not how the Kingdom works. God rarely gives us a surplus just so we can sit on it. He blesses us so that we can become a conduit of blessing to the people around us.

At the end of the day, a generous life is never going to be measured by the size of our storage units or the balance we keep for ourselves. It’s measured by how faithfully and open-handedly we deploy what God has entrusted to us.

Reflection Question: Where do you currently have a “surplus” in your life (time, energy, resources, talent)? How can you pivot from protecting it to sharing it this week?

October 29, 2026

The Day After Tomorrow

Scripture: Luke 12:20

Devotional Thought: In Jesus' parable, the rich man spent every ounce of his energy preparing for a future he would literally never see. He had a flawless, bulletproof plan for his wealth, but he had absolutely no plan for eternity.

Then, in a single, unexpected moment, the clock ran out. Everything he had stayed awake stressing over and working for was left behind.

Now, let's be clear: Jesus isn't warning us against being responsible or planning for the future.

He's just dropping a loving, urgent reminder not to forget what actually matters most. He's pulling our eyes up to the bigger picture. The reality is that one day, every single one of us will stand before God. And on that day, the ledger of our possessions, our career achievements, and our bank accounts won't define who we are.

What will actually matter is the simple stuff: Did we trust Him? Did we love the people around us? Did we faithfully deploy what He entrusted to our care?

When your life is centered on Jesus, it is structurally impossible for it to be wasted. Why? Because you are consistently investing your time, energy, and heart into the only thing on the planet that lasts forever.

Reflection Question: If you looked at your current long-term goals, how much of your planning is focused on this temporary lifetime versus your eternal future? What's one small shift you can make today?

October 30, 2026

The Ultimate Wealth Check

Scripture: Luke 12:21

Devotional Thought: Jesus wraps up the entire parable with a simple, punchy question that leaves nowhere to hide: Are we going to spend our lives trying to become rich in this world, or rich toward God?

At the end of the day, the line between those two options isn't determined by the dollar amount in your bank account or the number of things you own. It all comes down to a much deeper question: Who actually owns your heart?

So, what does it actually look like to be “rich toward God”?

It starts with a total paradigm shift—recognizing that every single piece of your life already belongs to Him. Suddenly, your calendar, your unique abilities, your everyday relationships, and your financial resources stop being things you have to protect, and they become massive opportunities to love people well and honor Him.

When your identity is firmly rooted in God's grace instead of the stuff you accumulate, the pressure completely breaks.

You are finally free to live generously, trust deeply, and aggressively invest your life into what will last forever. And that right there is the only kind of wealth that can never, ever be taken away from you.

Reflection Question: Looking back over this entire series on the rich man and Zacchaeus, what is the #1 takeaway the Holy Spirit is challenging you to apply to your life this week?

October 31, 2026

Breaking the “My” Trap

Scripture: Luke 12:15

Devotional Thought: We are officially a few weeks out from Commitment Sunday on November 15, and the conversation in our households is probably getting a bit more specific. This is usually the exact moment where the “surplus trap” tries to lock us down. Like the man in Jesus’ parable, our automatic instinct when we think about the next three years might be to look inward, draw up blueprints to protect our comfort, and ask, “How can I secure my own future first?”

But a transformed heart recognizes a deeper truth: we aren’t the owners of our lives and resources—we are just the stewards. Every good gift we have is a grace-gift from Him anyway.

This week, our prayers need to get intensely practical. We are moving past general perspectives and asking God for specific guidance on what He wants us to sacrifice. God rarely gives us a surplus just so we can sit on it; He blesses us so we can be a conduit of blessing to the next generation. Let’s break the “my” trap today by asking the Father exactly how He wants us to deploy the resources He has placed in our care.

Reflection Question: In your prayers about the Legacy campaign this week, have you been asking God what you want to keep, or have you genuinely asked Him what He wants you to contribute?

Week 3: Treasures in Heaven

Matthew 6:19-21

November 2, 2026

The Myth of Permanence

Scripture: Matthew 6:19

Devotional Thought: Jesus is incredibly honest with us about our things: everything we own has an expiration date.

Possessions break down, bank accounts fluctuate, and even the stuff we work the hardest to protect and secure eventually fades away. But Jesus didn't tell us this to make us anxious or fearful; He told us this to free us up to invest in what actually lasts.

If we aren't careful, we can easily spend our entire lives chasing a false sense of security through things that could literally disappear overnight.

But true, unshakeable security is never found in the inventory of what we own. It's only found in the One who never changes.

When your hope is deeply rooted in Jesus, the pressure to hoard and protect breaks. You are finally free to hold your possessions with open hands and pivot your life toward investing in what carries eternal value.

Reflection Question: What am I depending on for security that could be lost tomorrow, and how is Jesus inviting me to place my trust in Him instead?

November 3, 2026

Investing in Eternity

Scripture: Matthew 6:20

Devotional Thought: Jesus is constantly inviting us out of the temporary and into something much bigger: He wants us to invest our lives in things that will never fade.

Think about the math of the Kingdom. Every quiet act of love, every hidden sacrifice, every moment spent serving someone else, and every messy step of faith you take—none of it is wasted. It all carries eternal weight. While the things of this world are on a countdown to eventually passing away, what is done for God's Kingdom lasts forever.

When we actually start looking at our daily lives through the lens of eternity, our priorities naturally begin to shift.

The gravity changes. We become way less consumed with the exhausting cycle of accumulating more for ourselves, and we become deeply focused on making a lasting, eternal difference in the lives of others.

At the end of the day, we have to remember: The greatest investments we will ever make aren't the ones that grow our bank accounts. They are the ones that expand God's Kingdom and change people's eternities.

Reflection Question: Look at your calendar or your to-do list for this week. What is one practical way you can pivot a slice of your time or energy toward a Kingdom investment?

November 4, 2026

The Magnetism of the Heart

Scripture: Matthew 6:21 (Part 1): “For where your treasure is...”

Devotional Thought: Jesus gives us a brilliant piece of spiritual psychology that completely flips our culture’s logic upside down: what you choose to treasure is what actually shapes your heart.

We live in a world that tells us our feelings should always drive our priorities. We wait until we feel like doing something before we commit to it. But Jesus says the exact opposite is true. Whatever you consistently invest your time, your money, and your focused attention into—that is the very thing that will gradually become what you love most.

Honestly, this is incredibly encouraging news. It means you aren’t a hostage to your current emotional state or spiritual temperature. You can intentionally grow your love for God.

You don’t have to wait for a lightning bolt of motivation to strike. When you make the intentional choice to invest in His Kingdom—whether that’s through open-handed generosity, showing up to serve others, carving out quiet time in His Word, or investing in relationships that honor Him—your heart naturally begins to follow. It’s a process. Little by little, day by day, your deepest affections are being quietly reshaped by the exact places where you have chosen to deposit your treasure.

Reflection Question: Think about an area of your spiritual life that feels a little cold right now. What is one practical investment of time, energy, or resources you can make into that specific area this week to jump-start your heart?

November 5, 2026

Where the Heart Drifts

Scripture: Matthew 6:21 (Part 2): “...there your heart will be also.”

Devotional Thought: Jesus drops a massive truth bomb about human nature that we can’t afford to miss: our hearts naturally follow our investments.

Think about how we’re wired. Whatever we consistently pour our time, our focused attention, and our resources into gradually becomes the very thing we care about most. Whether it’s a career path, a hobby, our family, our personal comfort, or God’s Kingdom—our investments don’t just reveal our priorities, they actually shape them.

But here is why this is incredibly good news: it means we aren’t victims of where our hearts currently drift.

If you want your heart to grow closer to God, you don’t have to sit around waiting for a magical feeling. You can take action. Start intentionally investing your time, energy, and resources into the things that matter to Him. As you consistently spend time with Him, step out to serve others, and lean into open-handed generosity, a beautiful shift happens. You’ll find your affection and love for Him growing naturally.

You don’t have to force the feeling. Your heart will always follow what you choose to treasure.

Reflection Question: Be completely honest with yourself today—where has your time, attention, or money been going most consistently lately? Is that where you actually want your heart to live?

November 6, 2026

The Great Realignment

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21 (Summary)

Devotional Thought: When Jesus finally becomes your greatest treasure, a beautiful realignment happens: everything else naturally falls into its proper place.

The frantic need to white-knuckle your money, your possessions, or your carefully orchestrated plans completely breaks. Why? Because your ultimate hope is no longer built on things that can be lost, stolen, or ruined. Your security is anchored in Him.

Living with open hands doesn't mean we stop appreciating or valuing earthly blessings. It just means we value Jesus infinitely more.

It changes the entire baseline question of our lives. Instead of constantly asking the exhausting question, "How can I hoard and keep more for myself?" we start asking, "How can God use what He's entrusted to me?"

That right there is where real, unshakeable freedom is found.

When you know your ultimate treasure is perfectly secure and can never be taken away, the fear evaporates. You are finally free to give generously, serve joyfully, and love sacrificially—without the panic of running out.

Reflection Question: What is one specific "treasure" (a plan, a possession, a financial goal) that you need to intentionally hand over to Jesus today so everything else can get back in alignment?

November 7, 2026

Shifting the Lens

Scripture: Matthew 6:21

Devotional Thought: As we continue moving toward our Commitment Sunday on November 15, Jesus drops a piece of spiritual psychology that completely flips our default settings: where you put your treasure is where your heart will drift. When we talk about building a new worship center to hold more people, it's easy to look at our current bank accounts or calendar commitments through a lens of scarcity, wondering how a three-year pledge fits into our plans.

But Jesus is inviting us into a beautiful realignment. He wants us to stop asking the exhausting question, "How can I protect what is mine?" and start asking the Kingdom question, "God, what do You want to do through what You've trusted to me?"

This week, our prayer shifts from preparing our hearts to pivoting our perspective. We are actively asking God to show us what it looks like to invest in things that carry eternal weight.

Every brick in a new worship center represents a seat where someone's eternity could be rewritten. When we start looking at our resources through the lens of eternity, our priorities naturally begin to change.

Reflection Question: As you pray about your future Legacy contribution, are you looking at your resources through the lens of earthly security or eternal investment? Ask God to give you His Kingdom vision today.

Week 4: The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30

November 9, 2026

The Comparison Trap

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-15

Devotional Thought: In the Parable of the Talents, the master intentionally handed each servant a completely different amount. He wasn't playing favorites or rigging the system—he was simply entrusting each person with exactly what was right for them.

When the master returned, he didn't grade them on a curve or pit them against each other. The servants weren't compared to one another for a single second; they were simply expected to be intensely faithful with what they had specifically been given.

If we're being honest, it is so easy to waste an incredible amount of time and energy wishing we had someone else's unique gifts, someone else's open doors, or someone else's level of influence.

But here is the danger of that mindset: comparison is a thief that completely paralyzes us. It keeps us so focused on what's in someone else's hands that we completely neglect the raw potential of what God has already placed in ours.

Let this truth take the pressure off you today: God is not asking you to manage or answer for someone else's life.

He is simply inviting you to faithfully steward yours. At the end of the day, a lasting legacy is never built by trying to accumulate more than the person next to you. It's built by staying in your lane, opening your hands, and faithfully deploying whatever God has entrusted to you right now.

Reflection Question: Where has comparison been creeping into your heart lately? What is one specific gift or opportunity in your hands today that you need to stop ignoring and start using?

November 10, 2026

Breaking the Paralysis

Scripture: Matthew 25:16-18

Devotional Thought: In Jesus' parable, the first two servants didn't sit around overthinking things—they immediately put what they had been given to work.

They didn't wait for the economic conditions to be flawless, and they didn't hold out for guaranteed, risk-free results. They simply trusted their master's heart and took the next faithful step. The third servant, however? He let fear completely lock him down, convincing him that doing absolutely nothing was the safest play. If we're being honest, fear still uses that exact same playbook on us today. It whispers to us to play it safe, to lay low, and to bury our potential.

We fall into the trap of telling ourselves, "I'll start serving, I'll lean into generosity, I'll step into leadership, or I'll finally share my faith... just as soon as life settles down and the timing feels better." But here is the reality of the Kingdom: obedience almost always begins before you feel ready.

God isn't scanning the room looking for perfect, unflappable people who have it all figured out. He is simply looking for willing hearts that trust Him enough to take the next step.

Spiritual maturity and deep faith don't grow while we're hiding on the sidelines, protecting what we have. Faith grows the moment we stop burying what He's given us and start deploying it for His glory.

Reflection Question: What gift, opportunity, or prompting from God have I been holding back because of fear, and what would it look like to take one faithful step today?

November 11, 2026

The Curve We Aren't Graded On

Scripture: Matthew 25:19-23

Devotional Thought: When the master finally returned to check on his investments, he gave the exact same, word-for-word response to both the servant with five talents and the servant with two: “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Don't miss the beauty of that detail. The reward wasn't based on who put up the biggest numbers, who generated the most buzz, or who produced the highest volume. It was based entirely on who was faithful with what they had explicitly been given. Honestly, that should be incredibly encouraging for every single one of us.

God is not sitting in heaven with a scorecard, comparing your daily life to anyone else's. He isn't asking you to replicate someone else's unique gifts, mimic their open doors, or manufacture their level of influence. He simply looks at you with love and invites you to faithfully use the exact things He has entrusted to your care.

In the economy of God's Kingdom, the metrics are completely different than the world's. Faithfulness will always be infinitely more important than fame, influence, or raw results.

At the end of the day, a life well lived is never going to be measured by the sheer volume of what you accomplish on your own strength. It's measured by how faithfully, step by step, you chose to follow Him.

Reflection Question: How would my life change if I measured success by faithfulness to God instead of comparing my results to someone else's?

November 12, 2026

The Lens of the Master

Scripture: Matthew 25:24-25

Devotional Thought: The third servant didn't drop the ball because he lacked the raw ability to get the job done. He failed simply because he had a completely distorted view of his master.

He viewed him as harsh, demanding, and impossible to please. Because that was the lens he used, fear completely locked him down and kept him from doing anything at all. He let a wrong perspective dictate his entire existence. At the end of the day, his view of the master completely shaped the way he lived.

The exact same rule applies to our spiritual lives. If you secretly believe that God is just floating up in heaven waiting for you to trip up or fail, you will inevitably live a small, cautious life. You'll spend all your energy trying to avoid making mistakes rather than stepping into your calling.

But when you truly know Him for who He actually is—a loving, generous, incredibly faithful, and trustworthy Father—the cage opens. You are finally free to step out in faith.

We don't show up to serve God because we're terrified of what will happen if we don't. We serve Him because we are completely overwhelmed by how much He loves us.

When you get your view of God right, everything else shifts. A healthy, biblical view of your Father gives you the ultimate courage to deploy the unique gifts He's entrusted to you with absolute confidence and pure joy.

Reflection Question: Be completely honest—when you think about God, do you instinctively picture a demanding boss looking for a mistake, or a loving Father cheering you on? How is that view shaping your willingness to step out this week?

November 13, 2026

The Cost of Playing It Safe

Scripture: Matthew 25:26-30

Devotional Thought: The third servant didn't get called out because he took a big risk and lost the money. He was condemned simply because he never even tried.

Fear completely hijacked his perspective, convincing him to bury the raw opportunity rather than invest it. He mistook hiding for safety, and in doing so, he completely missed the point of what he'd been given.

If we're being honest, it is so incredibly easy to buy into the lie that playing it safe is the smartest option for our lives.

We convince ourselves that laying low, keeping our heads down, and avoiding risks is the responsible way to live. But Jesus completely shatters that mindset. God didn't hand you your unique gifts, your slice of time, and your current resources just so you could hide them from the world. He entrusted them to you to be deployed for His purposes—even when it takes a massive amount of faith and courage.

A life of true obedience is never going to be marked by flawless execution or perfection. It's marked by simple willingness.

At the end of the day, we have to remember the ultimate math of the Kingdom: The greatest tragedy in life isn't stepping out and making a mistake—it's letting fear lock you down so you never step out in faith at all.

Reflection Question: Where has the desire to “play it safe” been keeping you on the sidelines lately? What is one small, messy step of faith you can take in that area this week?

November 14, 2026

The Legacy of Open Hands

Scripture: Matthew 25:19-21

Devotional Thought: Tomorrow is Commitment Sunday. Over the last few weeks, we've walked through the Gospels to see a truth that completely flips our culture's logic upside down: you cannot build a meaningful legacy with a closed fist. Real freedom and lasting impact aren't found in what we hoard or accumulate, but in living with open hands. Tomorrow, we have a unique opportunity to put that truth into action as we make our three-year pledges toward the Legacy building campaign.

When the master returned in the Parable of the Talents, he didn't praise the servants for playing it safe, burying their resources, or protecting their comfort. He celebrated the fact that they trusted his heart enough to deploy what they'd been given to expand his estate. Building a new worship center isn't about checking a religious box or funding a brick-and-mortar project; it's about setting our church up for growth in the next season so more people can encounter the grace of Jesus.

When we fill out our pledge cards tomorrow, the pressure is completely off. God isn't looking at a scorecard, grading us on a curve, or comparing your contribution to the person sitting next to you. He is looking for a willing heart ready to trust Him with the resources He's already placed in your hands. Every sacrifice we make today carries eternal weight, moving us out of the temporary and into a story that will outlast the present moment. Let's drop the title of owner, pick up the title of steward, and step out in faith together.

Reflection Question: As you make your three-year Legacy pledge tomorrow, what is one fear or comfort you need to intentionally hand over to Jesus so you can experience the joy of open-handed generosity?

Thank You for Walking the Journey!

We are so incredibly grateful for you.

Thank you for choosing to invest your time, your heart, and your intentional focus into this Legacy devotional journey. More than anything, we are deeply thankful for your love for our church and your willingness to pull up a chair, sit with Scripture, and allow God to genuinely challenge your thinking over these past few weeks.

It takes real courage to step out of the cultural hustle, drop the title of owner, and look at your life through the lens of open-handed stewardship. Because you chose to lean into closeness with Jesus rather than just checking a religious box, you are helping us build a reality that will outlast the present moment.

Thank you for helping us build our house, set up our church for the next season of growth, and pave the way for more people to experience the life-changing grace of Jesus. We are honored to walk this path shoulder-to-shoulder with you.

The pressure is off, the future is bright, and the best is yet to come!

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