

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 27
Working

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 155
(Luke 19:11-27)

"... 'Do business until I come back.'"

Luke 19:13 (HCSB)

Living as a faithful servant includes...

1. _____ your Master.
(Luke 19:12-15; 20-21. C/R: Acts 10:34-35; Psalm 84:11)

2. _____.
(Luke 19:16-19. C/R: Proverbs 13:4, 14:23)

3. _____.
(Luke 19:22-26. C/R: Colossians 3:23-24)

In order to _____ faithfully, we must
_____ consistently.
(C/R: Acts 17:25; 1 Peter 4:11)

Answers: 1. Loving 2. Working 3. Reaping, serve, receive
Resource Information: Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your relationship with God. Try not to rush through these questions, but take time to learn and grow. Ask God to speak to you in His Word. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

What would you say is the difference between *working to live* and *living to work*? Which describes your life these days?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 19:11-27](#) (Reading #155 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. In this parable, who does the nobleman (or Master) represent? Who do the slaves represent? What does the mina represent?
2. Why was the Master so delighted with the servants who earned 10-fold and 5-fold on his investment? Was it the money or something else?
3. What do the unproductive servant's words tell us about his view of the Master? Why was the Master so disgusted with him?
4. The Master didn't have to entrust anything to the servants, nor did he have to reward them. How does this impact your view of God's generosity? How does God want you to feel about Him being Master?
5. Do you experience God's delight in you, or do you live more with a sense of fear (or regret) that you're not doing enough? Explain.
6. How would you summarize the truth of [Luke 19:26](#)?
7. How would you describe God's view of *work* according to this passage? (Look especially at vs. [13](#), [15](#)). Does it line up with your view of work?

8. What was the purpose of Jesus telling this parable?
9. Jesus makes it clear that we are to be working while we await His return. What is the main *business* of your life? How does what you do on a day-to-day basis contribute to the building of the kingdom of God? What has God entrusted you with during your time on earth?
10. What is at least one clear message you're hearing from God in this week's lesson?

All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and title page. Now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read, which goes on forever, in which every chapter is better than the one before. — C.S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*

Soul Training

Have a conversation with God about the work of your life. Tell Him how you feel about what He's entrusted into your care and given you to do. Invite Him into your work. Ask Him to give you greater clarity on the work He wants you to do. Ask Him to fill you with passion and joy as you carry out His work.

Memory Verse

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

[Colossians 3:23 \(NLT\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
July 24	150		Matthew 20:1-16
July 25	151-152		Matthew 20:17-28 ; Mark 10:32-45 ; Luke 18:31-34
July 26	153		Matthew 20:29-34 ; Mark 10:46-52 ; Luke 18:35-43
July 27	154		Luke 19:1-10
July 28	155		Luke 19:11-27

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, July 30, we'll study [John 12:20-50](#) (Reading# 159 in *The Life of Jesus*).



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