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Faithfulness is Spelled R-I-S-K

Session 4 — At Work with God

It's good when your work is connected to what you are passionate about. When our passion and our talents collide, it's a wonderful thing. Jesus had a different way of looking at our talents — His famous parable uses that exact word with a deeper meaning. He was telling a story about assets and resources entrusted to people, expecting a return, illustrating how God's Kingdom operates.

Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.

Matthew 25:21 (ESV)

THE STORY & ITS STAKES

In Jesus' story, a rich person entrusted a large investment to his servants, then came back to “settle up” — wanting to know what they had *gained* with it. The purpose was no different than what we expect from any investment: **we're looking for a return.**

For those who multiplied what they received, He called it **faithfulness**. For the one who buried it, He had harsh words. The point: **faithfulness involves risk.** It means taking the resources, talents, and opportunities God has given you and putting them to work for the greatest multiplication — not just wisely, but for His Kingdom.

This story tells us three important things:

- He has made an investment in His servants far larger than what they could put together on their own
- He expects them to “put it out there” for His Kingdom's purposes
- He's coming back to have a “settle up moment”

Deeper Than Your Bank Account

If you are in business, you know the temptation to stay “head down,” focused on putting out today's fires. But if you know Jesus, the riches in your possession reach much deeper than the funds in your bank account, your book of business, or the valuation of your company.

Your testimony, the maturity growing in you because you've been walking with Him, and the presence of God with you in every meeting and business decision are **riches beyond measure**. He's not looking for ill-advised action — but He is looking for a full commitment to lean into every opportunity for His purposes.

To be considered faithful, we have to take what He has given us and put it to work — not just to grow our bottom line, but to leave it all on the field for His Kingdom. There is a higher purpose. His Kingdom operates when we take what He has given us and figure out how to put it to work for eternal impact.

Revenue in your business is a good thing — and so is the ripple effect of a life fully surrendered to His purposes in the marketplace. He's not looking for foolish action, but He is looking for full commitment to lean into every opportunity He places before you.

TAKE AN INVENTORY — PUTTING HIS INVESTMENT TO WORK

- 1** Since part of the treasure in your life is found in your story of finding and walking with Him — where are you depositing that story in the lives of others?
- 2** How are you building Kingdom values into the daily transactions and relationships in your business?
- 3** What has God put in your hand that could create impact for His Kingdom?
- 4** Do you feel you are “leaving it on the field” by using every resource, opportunity, and talent for Him? What is He calling you to try or lean into — even if it feels risky?