

“THE STAKES ARE HIGH”

Series: “POTENCY AND PROXIMITY”, Part 4 of 4
Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Matthew 13:47-51

Big Idea: When we follow Jesus in faithful discipleship, he promises to make us positively contagious and winsome for him.

Matthew 4:19, “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of Men.”

Matthew 13:47-51, “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth 51 “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.”

1. A TIME OF OPPORTUNITY.

Matthew 13:47, “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.”

1 John 2:2, “He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

1 Timothy 2:4, “Who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”

2 Peter 3:9, “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”
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Romans 8:32a, “He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all ...”

Matthew 28:19a, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations."

John 6:44, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."

Acts 7:51, "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!"

Luke 12:16-20a, "And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. 17 He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' 18 "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" 20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you."

2. A DAY OF COMPLETION.

Matthew 13:48a, "When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore."

Galatians 4:4a, "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son."

Mark 1:15, "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Luke 19:44b, "You did not recognize the time of God's coming to you."

John 17:1b, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son."

John 13:1b, "Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world."

Acts 17:31, "For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

2 Peter 3:10a, "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief" {NASV}

3. AN ETERNITY OF SEPARATION.

Matthew 13:48-50, “When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. 49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 7:21-23, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ 23 Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

Romans 5:5, “And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”

Matthew 13:49b-50, “The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 23:33, “You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?”

2 Corinthians 13:5, “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?”