



“RSVP”

Work in Progress series

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Jesus **INVITES US** to join **HIS GREAT MISSION** in the world to share the good news of His kingdom & invite others to join.

“Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

*Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. **The king was enraged.**”*

Matthew 22:1-7

*“Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.” **Matthew 16:24-25***

What is the most valuable thing you possess?

Would you be willing to **DENY YOURSELF** of it & offer it to Jesus?

- “For where your **treasure is**, there your **heart will be also.**” **Matthew 6:21**
- God knows that what we love & treasure, **OUR HEART FOLLOWS.**

*“For even the Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” **Mark 10:45***

God is on a rescue mission & He’s inviting **US** to be a part of it with Him!

- Mark 1:16-17
- Matthew 19:21-22
- Luke 9:59-61

• “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.” **Matthew 6:24**

God is still looking for people who are **WILLING AND AVAILABLE** to be used.

- He is looking for **DISCIPLES**, not **DECIDERS**.
- But we make **EXCUSES**!
- Our excuses show that we don't want to **GIVE UP CONTROL** of our lives.

As a disciple, God becomes the **OWNERS**, and we become the **STEWARDS** of His possessions He allows us to use.

*“Those who cling to worthless idols **turn away** from **God’s love for them**.” Jonah 2:8*

Continue The Conversation

1) What is the most valuable thing you possess?

2) If you are a follower of Jesus, would you be willing to deny yourself of it & offer it to Jesus?
Why or why not?