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# Luke 19

Napoleon: the object of war is victory, but the object of victory is occupation, the object of occupation is transformation.

We get victory, but not occupation. What we do has to be long enough to create a culture, that it is actually sustainable and repeatable. The difference between talents, ($30k) and the mina ($500). Parable of the talents about God giving ten people. 3 people money according to their ability.

Two people did good, one didn’t. The reward with the talent: master your talent has made 5 more talents. Master you gave me 3 talents, I have made you 3 more things.

Mina’s: master your mina has made 10 minas’. Your mina has made 5 minas’. The master goes; well done good and faithful servants you will be over 10 cities.

People that have made cultures of prosperity will be over cities. That is the only parable with a strategy given for winning a city. It is about money. If you are not faithful with unrighteous money, making a lot of money doesn't sanctify you. It doesn't have eternal value, it can’t buy you anything worth eternity. Who will trust you true riches? Love, joy, nobility, compassion, influence? Those are Kingdom currencies!

# Ecosystems

The ability to repeat something stable, how you make sure something happening again is an ecosystem. People overseeing ecology are concerned about little things: the bugs, spiders. We can’t clean the glass bridge when the spiders are reproducing. They understand that they're needed for the ecosystem for the world.

In Weaverville ecology was a big thing, they lived in a lumber economy. Ecologists were concerned about clear cutting the forest, and because of a spotted owl, a beetle. He has to believe that somebody in there actually cares and not the earth is my mother. I don’t know if you're talking to trees or just being normal.

# Dealing with the root

I perceive lots of people have victories with no sustainability, 6 months later or a year later he died of the same disease? Did he get whole and live on? A great testimony of a son coming home after 16 years string. Did we see long term restoration? Why he left? Are we dealing with the root issues and understand what created brokenness?

# Evangelising vs discipling

Ministry costs money, it is done by people who like to eat! Not evil ways for money involved by touching the poor. When you think about a ministry are we thinking about how are we going to fund this? What are we going to do with the people that get saved in the park? If we do a crusade and get a 1000 people saved? Sometimes it is better when they receive the Lord, of course it is good to receive God, but sometimes it feels like a miscarry because we had no plan, so we promised them heaven, but gave them nothing!

The Word is and they made disciples. 4000 people receive the Lord, baptized and became disciples. Somebody is discipling them! You can’t be a disciple without a discipler! Nature of I am married is I have a person in my life.

Are we doing something that is changing history or sending out a newsletter, and cat find anything that changed a year later. Crusades where villages don’t change, or the person lifting their hand, they need somebody helping them.

# Discipleship

Nothing changed with him, 4 times when nothing happened. Would you like to receive Jesus? If they count how many times he got saved there has to be more people than there are on the planet. Something actually happened is in the packed home group in a little house. Would you like to receive Jesus? You just received Jesus, which one of these men do you want to be your father? Ark Kippelman, 12 years ago he was buried. Something changed when somebody had a plan for sustainability. Within a week he had a meeting with Ark. Read John, start today and we’ll talk about it every week. Write down your questions when we get together we will talk about it. Great! Someone is helping me. You pray every day, just talk to God. What do I tell Him? Whatever is on your heart. Talk to someone about your faith every day, be in fellowship, go to church. Someone tell me what to do.

# Fathership

That is not controlling, he didn't know what to do! Somebody helped him and created an ecosystem, he had done the same thing and nothing changed! This is what you have to do! First question, did you read your Bible every day? Read it every day? Did you miss any days eating this week? No, I am pretty good at that. You don’t want to be an anorexic Christian.

Somebody had an idea about what happened after the victory. Great ministry is when you change culture, in a person, city or a nation. Are we thinking about the spotted owls? You think about reading 5 minutes and changing people. What should I do about this? What did you learn this week in your Bible this week? Instead of telling him the answer, here is some verses. Only King James in those days. You have a question about life, go find a scripture. Through Art he learned to think Biblically, still knows what the Bible says about practical things because of him. He wasn't perfect, but he was a good father!

This is not about shoveling the pool house, but building a young man who is old enough to learn how to work. I need to get them into what it feels like to accomplish and finish something. Never could put words to it, but I love the feeling of finish. If I start a project, I will not start it if I can’t finish it. Need to figure out how to pass that to my grandson, hard work is part of prosperity. Before he gave him the vacuum he let him shovel for 2,5 hours. He knows he is going to be done at 5 and it is 11 right now.

# Hard work and sustainability

Let’s shovel a little longer, I have another idea. Then he plugs it in and has a hose and vacuums it all up. Sucked the bucket full in a minute and a half. Everything was full and he dumped it. This might be a little faster, that is a tractor vs a shovel. Would you use that or the shovel? I want to use that! I am always thinking: it is not about rocks!

I am paying him $50 to keep him interested in working hard and growing. He knows what hard is because he did the shovel. He finished it and it is beautiful! I saw your job; did you like it? it was beautiful! He learned his first accomplishment, he got 50 bucks out of it and the feeling.

He needs to get it and understand what life is about! Sustainability is important. When you lead people to Christ are you going to do something about them?

# Encountering problems

Priests and Pharisee crosses the street, I understand you probably do too, if I don’t cross the street and encounter the problem I am obligated by the nature of my identity to be involved. So, I turn the tv off when I learn about this. The nature of royalty is I am going to do something about this. The Samaritan did what he could, he had money but didn't have time. Can you take care of him until he gets well? You have time.

If you get your facts from the media, because those aren't facts! Be careful that you hear, and strong opinions you adopt. Some of you will be in a place of a strong place you don’t know nothing about! Sometimes you have to experiment, we have people blowing up things and shooting things. Doing nothing is not a plan. I never heard a critic who ever made a movie. Have you ever made a movie? What qualifies you to be a critic? You have never done it before! Well you're being critical at the critic and you've never done that before :p

If you do something and it doesn't work, you can try it and make it work.

# Trying something

Cut bake and run

Try something and because you tried something and let your ego in the way. Business school, not sustainability all they had was mama gave us money. Sustainability is your money is making money. They didn't create a course in 2 years where they had sustainability. After 3 years he killed it. The school doesn't have sustainability. Bad plan!

# Risk - reward

If you're going to take a risk, realize it is a risk it doesn't always work. The risk to reward has to be thought through! If I am going to invest money with risk - reward. $10.000 50%-50% -> 300% growth with my money. If I am going to take a risk I need to have a reward. At Bethel they want to bring in a certain person that doesn't have a good reputation, what is the reward? Heal the sick, teach this thing. Both already been done.

Your name is better than money: Proverbs. Reputation does mean something!

Think about the risk you're taking for the reward you're getting.

# Why did the young brother leave?

Is there a reason why the young brother left? The older brother knew how to work, but not how to have fun. The father threw him a party, the elder brother was mad at it. Wouldn't have mattered because all you wanted to do is work anyway.

# Plan for sustainability in Bethel

Would you say Bethel has a plan for sustainability? Not in every area sustainability! Is it spiritually sustainable? Is there a process of wholeness, just because I want to disciple you doesn't mean you want to be discipled. Do think we think sustainability. At the age of this church, 50 years old at least someone thought about sustainability.

# Sustainability in marriage

Two people living together and having sex together with a ceremony is not marriage. Marriage is merging, giving each other your hearts. Telling each other’s hearts. Giving your partner he or she needs to let them know what your needs are. He likes husband and wives in one room, not looking for answers, but how they give the answer. How is your sex life, what are you going to answer? No possible way your intimacy is great, **nothing you don’t talk about is as good as it could be!** Do you have a good communication? Do you actually talk about things?

# Do you think sustainable revival is possible?

Quite different ideas about what revival is. The word revival is not in the Bible, you need a Bible before a revival. Sometimes we don’t need to revive, but vive. Not bringing back to life, but actually make something happen. Not reviving something, it never was alive! If I revive a car I didn't build it from scratch, but restored it to its former glory. Do I think it is sustainable in how we say it is? It looks like meetings all the time! Lasted 7 days! Do you think you could do that for multiple weeks? One particular preacher in for 18 months, stopped having church. Bragging about it, now he is in charge of the money. What do you do with this? Are all the offerings going to the evangelist? What church could live for 18 months without income? How is that sustainable? How does anyone have a family? How does the darkness deal with no light with the under the tent?

# Marriage

What do I do to have a sustainable marriage? Don’t put all your hope in your marriage! Some women spend 6 months on 1 day, but most people don’t spend 6 minutes on the next 20 years! A great marriage won’t happen by accident! Think about how to have kids beside the biology of it. You don’t get to practice on kids! You have never done it before.

# Accountability in sex-drive

If you crossed boundaries in a relationship, sustainability in purity is this: the temptation to take drugs is not a perversion, because there is no right version. Sex is something you were created to be apart off. Your temptation to have sex is called normal. Temptation to do drugs is none, let’s manage our drug habit. You don’t do that. There is no natural drug habit. When you’re trying to manage something that in itself is not wrong, you need accountability. You're doing something that will be okay someday. You smoked marijuana and felt connected with God, it’s called dope for a reason. Hang around people who do it all the time, unemployment lines, not enough unction to do anything.

You need to have things in your life that will keep the switch off, don’t have things that trigger and put the switch on. If you're single and see people having sex you turn something on you can’t have it. Okay switch on supposed to have intercourse now, but you can’t finish what you started. That is torture! Don’t turn it on. Putting yourself in situations where you're stimulated like watching movies with sex scene in it, all of that stuff. You need accountability with people, you need somebody that is older. When you do something wrong you don’t need compassion, you know right from wrong, hey why did you do that? You’re better than that! Hanging around people that still struggle that will not help you!

# How build sustainable income in the church?

Normal healthy people need to pay for the ministry they’re receiving in the church. If you do a conference, normal middleclass people should pay for the conference. There are tons of exceptions, but sustainability right now, shouldn’t go to the congregation that don’t want to pay $40 for the conference. You tend to value something you paid for. Funny, because we all do a lot of conferences, I can always tell the conferences that are for free. Only sacrificial ones with the afternoon sessions, I paid for every session. $15 for this session, I am going to be there! Something about sacrifice builds a sustainable culture. How many of the M Earl Johnson awards are internationals? Many percentage wise M Earl Johnson nominees there are than Americans. Here is what I think: If you pay more, you try harder!

If I pay a lot about it I will pay it better attention. Then you have Asians, they have a work ethic that is outstanding. Over 92% in Ivy League University is Asian.

There will be 1500-2000 people, he was one of the only white people from Spain, it was all Asian. How come only the Asians came? That is all there is in university’s! Those people figured out how to work hard! They have a culture, in Singapore you have to teach people how to take a vacation.

# Suicide is a demon

I think suicide is a demon. I believe a demon is always there. Self-preservation is so in humanity, every kind of animal when you put them, even a passive animal in a situation without being able to run away always they defend themselves, not killing themselves. You put a person in a situation where they think they will die you are amazed by what they do to survive. I think it is a spirit. Devil says throw yourself of the pinnacle of this temple, every single day he was plagues by thoughts about taking his life. This thing is trying to do that, suicidal thoughts are spiritual warfare.

# Minister to people in religious mindsets

Knowing the Bible, not God. Religion is trying to get with God what He did on the cross already. Creating mindsets where you get to control other people, using shame to get people to behave. Revival group last week, how do you talk to Jehovah witnesses and Mormons? Like they’re Christians, they argued over scripture a lot in the early days, what if I just talk to them like they're Christians? The Lord talked to me last night, what did He talk to you about this subject? He exposed the lack of relationship with God assuming they have one, if I expose them to what a relationship is and they don’t have it, maybe there is a reason to his theology.

Kingdom principles, Christian perspective or general public? Depends on what you try to accomplish. Whenever you want to write a book with a good publisher they send you a questionnaire:

* What qualifies you to teach about this?
* What is the group you’re writing to?

Destined to win, was his best attempt.

Sacrifice has a reward, when you do something amazing that takes a lot of effort you feel accomplishment, you will see and feel good after. For the joy set before Him he endured the cross, didn't enjoy the cross. Something about the reward of sacrifice.

# How to diminish denominations?

We don’t think about denominations, but people! When you call someone a name, that name is automatically dividing. I always assume what they’re thinking. She is a daughter, one of the reasons for not having sustainable relationships we vet people through what we call them. Those are names that God doesn't call you. I like to relate to people like people. I don’t want to know what party they’re from, I want to relate to them as people. Leaving the room after the meeting, there will be like you know you met with liberals and you talked with them about abortion. They wouldn't have agreed with anything you said. I am glad you didn't say that. How will they get exposed to another perspective when I vetted them through their denomination wall?

# How do you create unity?

You don’t create unity, you only preserve it. There is going to be people in the staff that won’t agree. So much emphasis, unity happens not trying to get people to agree with 10 people. Johnny wants to get together, but doesn't believe in dunking people only in sprinkling, Bob doesn't believe in raising your hand. Martha doesn't believe in the Trinity only Jesus. All these theological ideas in conflict you have vanilla, only 3 songs out of the 10.000 everybody sings. You just love people for who they are, enjoy them. When he went to see the pope, you know that he leads in worshipping Mary? What did he say when you were in there? It was about the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues. He doesn't know. Catholic church is our mother, be careful about our mother. Any people group haven’t hurt another people group. I didn't do any of that, I like all of them! Sorry my grandparents and great grandparents did this. Can we learn from history so we can have sustainability, can we ask for forgiveness and then move on?