

“For I Was Afraid...”

Luke 19:11-27; 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Study Questions

25 August 2024

Read Luke 19:11-27

1. According to verse 11 what were the reasons Jesus told this parable at this time?
2. When the king returned, how did he commend the servants who turned a profit (vs. 17) & what does that imply about the purpose of the exercise?
3. What is the key contrast in our story?
4. What kind of fears might limit our ability to go about the business of the coming Kingdom? You may or may not wish to share this part, but what fears limit you in your Kingdom calling and purpose?

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7

5. Many of our fears leave us feeling powerless, perhaps even a victim. What does Paul's counsel to Timothy tell us about how to overcome the “spirit of fear”?
 - a. What kind of “power” is Paul talking about?
 - b. What is the nature of this love? How is it effective in our lives?
 - c. How do we learn self-control when it comes to our thoughts? You might want to look at 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 as well.
6. In the sermon James asked a question for ongoing reflection and it might be a good place to end. “As followers of Jesus, each one of us is given a life of indeterminate but definitely finite duration; in that life we're given abilities, material resources and spiritual gifts with which to go about the business of the coming Kingdom. How are we doing at this stage of our discipleship? In what ways and with what resources are we faithful?”