

# God's Story Your Story

March 15, 2015



Talents

*Matthew 25:13*

*Faith 5 – A pattern for shaping a life of faith*

## Share:

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**Read:** Reflect on the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.* Matthew 25:13

## Talk:

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Do people live as if Jesus might return any day? How might your community look different if people behaved as if Jesus was on his way?
- What is one thing you can change about your routine or behaviors so that you are behaving as if Jesus was going to return at any moment?

## Pray:

God of good gifts, you entrust the gifts of your kingdom to our care. Help us to be prepared for your coming at all time, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Bless:

O God most wise, speak wisdom to our lives in your word today. Amen.

## Some Background

In following the theme of abundant invitation and grace of the past few weeks, this story moves now to the expected response to such an invitation. The bridesmaids who came prepared ultimately were invited into the banquet. Those who came unprepared missed the opportunity. This suggests that we come to God's house and work in God's world with attention, intentionality, and respect.

In both parables, the bridegroom/master were gone for a time, and then returned at an unexpected time. In both instances those waiting were expected to be prepared for the return. The bridesmaids were expected to bring enough oil to last while they waited. The servants were expected to invest what they had been given, so that at the master's return they would have even more to return. Both of these parables expect action on the part of those who wait.

## Follow the parables and teachings of Jesus, as Jesus challenged followers to do more for God's kingdom.

Sunday, Matthew 25:1-13, (25:14-30), *Talents*

Monday, Psalm 43:3-4, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 22:15-33, *Questions for Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 22:34-46, *The Greatest Commandment*

Thursday, Matthew 23:1-36, *Woes*

Friday, Matthew 23:37-39, *Lament over Jerusalem*

Saturday, Matthew 24:1-28, *Teachings of Jesus*