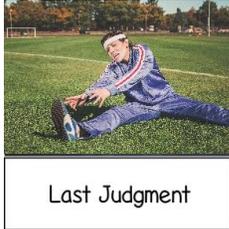


# God's Story Your Story

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*Matthew 25:37-40*

*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 verses from Sunday's reading.

*[Jesus said,] "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" Matthew 25:37-40*

## Talk:

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What are some signs you observe in today's culture that indicate we are in need of Jesus' presence now more than ever? How would Jesus be received if he walked on the earth today?
- In what ways have you betrayed Jesus? How could you make a change so that Jesus is first in your life?

## Pray:

God of the nameless, you walk among us in the shoes of those who are hungry, poor, naked, and in prison. Help us to see and care for you, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Bless:

God who is found in the least of these, by your word, shape our hearts and vision to look for you in humble circumstance. Amen.

## Some Background

Jesus told this parable to help people see God in the faces of those we typically would not acknowledge; the hungry, thirsty, poor, naked, sick, and imprisoned. Jesus was intentional about indicating that we are expected to act. Our world has needs, and our actions are crucial to creating in this world an environment that more closely resembles the kingdom God intended for this world.

## Follow the parables and teachings of Jesus, as Jesus moved ever closer to the cross.

Sunday, Matthew 25:31-46, *Last Judgment*

Monday, Psalm 98:7-9, *Psalm*

Tuesday, Matthew 24:29-51, *Teachings of Jesus*

Wednesday, Matthew 25:14-30, *Parables of Jesus*

Thursday, Matthew 26:1-5, *The Plot to Kill Jesus*

Friday, Matthew 26:6-13, *The Anointing at Bethany*

Saturday, Matthew 26:14-16, *Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus*