



7 GUIDING LIGHTS

Matt. 13

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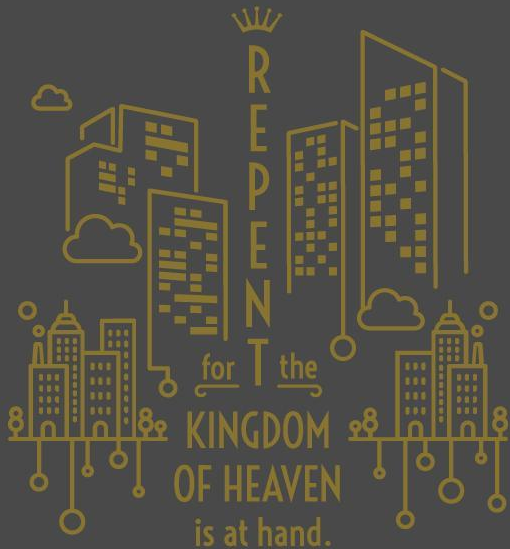
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1. PARABLE OF SOWER (13:3) - addresses our strength as workers.

What's your relationship to the Word?

- a. Road side – Mt. 13:19
- b. Rocky places – Mt. 13:20-21
- c. Thorns – Mt. 13:22
- d. Good soil – Mt. 13:23

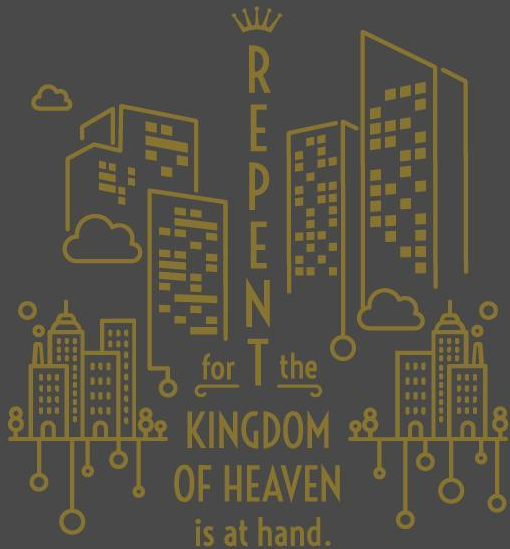


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2. PARABLE OF WHEAT & TARES (13:24) – speaks to our competition.

Mt. 13:38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil.

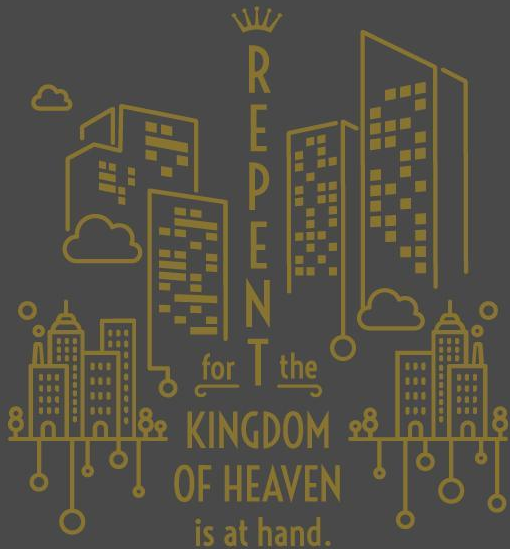


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3. PARABLE OF MUSTARD SEED (13:31) – is about our potential.

Mt. 13:31-32 ³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

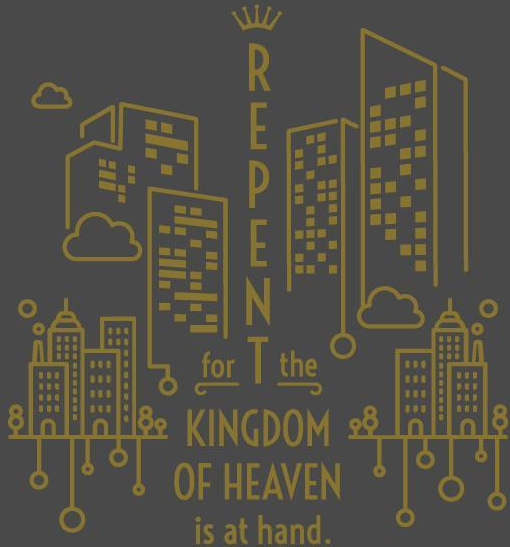


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4. PARABLE OF YEAST (13:33) – relates to our calling.

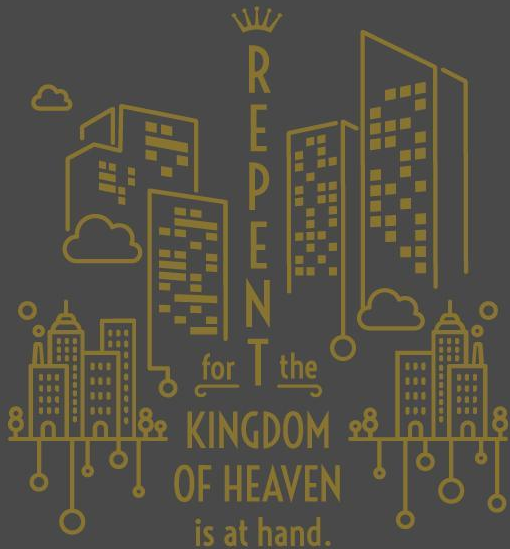
Mt. 13:33 He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.



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5. PARABLE OF HIDDEN TREASURE (13:44) – explains our happiness power. We have the joy of the Lord.

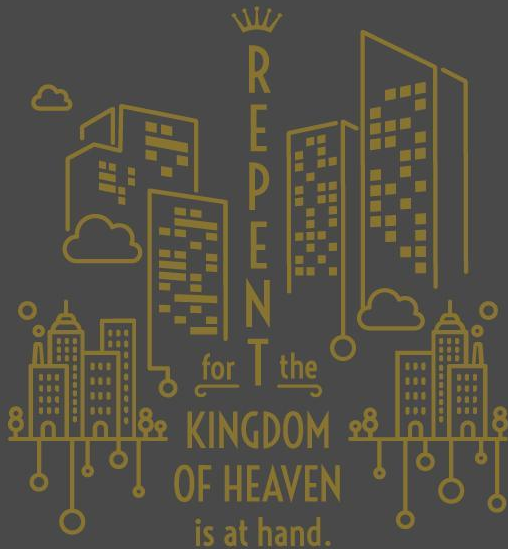


Mt. 13:44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

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6. PARABLE OF PEARL (13:45) – speaks to the value proposition of the kingdom in business terms.



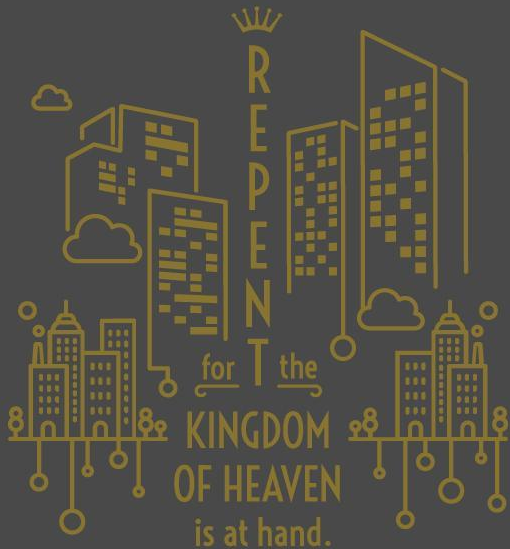
Mt. 13:45-46 ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

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7. PARABLE OF NET (13:47) – illustrates the seriousness of our work.

Mt. 13:47-50 ⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



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1. Parable of Sower: Our strength & fruitfulness
2. Parable of Weeds: Our opposition
3. Parable of Mustard Seed: Our potential
4. Parable of Yeast: Our calling
5. Parable of Hidden Treasure: Our joy
6. Parable of Pearl: Our value
7. Parable of Net: Our work

