

Uncommon Life Series

Week 1 notes

Lk 15:11-32

8.28.22

## HOW TO BE A QUITTER: How to Say No and When to Say Yes

### I. **Intro:**

#### A. **The Common Life**

1. Defined by accomplishment
2. Dictated by others' approval
3. Determined by ulterior agendas
4. Destined to accumulate the temporary
  - It's the typical picture the Bible calls a "Pattern of this World"

#### B. **An UNcommon Life**

1. Lived with an uncommon presence
2. Engaged in an uncommon purpose
3. Bathed in an uncommon grace
4. Marked by uncommon generosity
  - It's an uncommon life overflowing from the uncommonly full life of Jesus

## II. HOW TO BE A QUITTER

### A. **How We Often See Ourselves?**

1. Our worth in this world and worthiness for the next placed in what we have or haven't done
2. We define ourselves by the sum of our successes and failures

WHEN OUR IDENTITY IS FOUND IN WHAT WE DO or HAVEN'T DONE  
WE BECOME RELUCTANT TO SAY NO AND TERRIFIED TO SAY YES

### B. **How Does God See Us? (Luke 15:11-32)**

1. He gives us His Robe: In Christ we are clothed in His righteousness
  - receiving the full affection of the Father (Isaiah 61:10)
2. He gives us His Ring: In Christ we are adopted into His family
  - receiving full acceptance as sons and daughters of the Father (Eph 1:5-8)
3. He gives us His Fatted Calf: In Christ we are seated at His table
  - receiving the full affirmation of the Father (Mt 7:7-10)

GOD SEES US LIKE A GOOD FATHER WHO LONGS TO SEE HIS CHILDREN  
THE UNCOMMON LIFE HAS ITS IDENTITY FIRMLY FIXED IN CHRIST

## III. How do we discern God's will for our lives? (Romans 12:1-2)

### #1- **INVEST in Intentional Community**

#### a. *"Therefore I Urge You"*

-beseech, implore; a gentle and winsome instruction, not a command

#### b. *"Brothers and Sisters"*

-not estranged, or separated, or adversaries but members of one body and one family

WE DISCERN GOD'S WILL IN THE CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY

## #2- RECEIVE the Gospel Daily

-*"In View of God's Mercy"*

-in view of... through the lens and perspective of the Gospel

-the Gospel is precisely God's mercy to inexcusable and underserving sinners. In giving his son to die for them, in justifying them freely by faith, in sending them his life-giving spirit, and in making them his children

WE DISCERN GOD'S WILL THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL

## #3- INVITE God to Make His Will Our Will

a. *"Offer Your bodies"*

-*Living*: made alive in Christ

-*Holy*: made righteous through Christ

-*Pleasing*: accepted because of Christ

b. *True and proper worship* [Spiritual act of worship]

-*logikos*: sensible, reasonable/rational

-the only possible logical response to the mercies found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a life of worship

WE DISCERN GOD'S WILL FROM A POSTURE OF SURRENDER

## #4- ALLOW God's Spirit and God's Word to Transform Us

a. **What** are we being transformed into (**2 Cor 3:18**)

-This describes the fundamental transformation of character and conduct away from the standards of the world (the common life) and into the image of Christ himself

b. **How** are we Being Transformed

-By the Renewing of our Minds

c. **How** are our Minds Renewed?

-By the Spirit of God (**Titus 3:5-7**)

-Through the Word of God (**Eph 6:17**)

WE DISCERN GOD'S WILL BY THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS

*"then... you will be able to test and approve what God's will is,  
his good, pleasing and perfect will"*

**Philippians 1:6**– And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.