

# LIVING *a better* STORY

A SERIES *on* THE PARABLES



THE PARABLE *of*  
*the* GREAT BANQUET



## LUKE 14:15-24

When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God."

Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'

"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'



## LUKE 14:15-24

“Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

“Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

“The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’



## LUKE 14:15-24

“‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

“Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. 24 I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”









*“Blessed is the  
one who will  
eat at the  
feast in the  
kingdom of God”*



# THE MESSIANIC FEAST *or “Heavenly Banquet”*

one of the great Biblical metaphors  
for the **KINGDOM OF GOD**





## ISAIAH 25:6-9

...the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine — the best of meats and the finest of wines.

...He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

He will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.



## ISAIAH 25:6-9

In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;  
we trusted in him, and he saved us.  
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;  
let us rejoice and be glad in his  
salvation.”





# *the* BOUNTIFUL FEAST *at the fulfillment of God's kingdom...*

Represents a celebration of  
victory over evil





# *the* BOUNTIFUL FEAST *at the fulfillment of God's kingdom...*

Represents trust, friendship  
and honoring of guests





*the* **BOUNTIFUL FEAST**  
*at the fulfillment of God's kingdom...*

A feast of all that is good...  
served in endless portions!



THE TEST

Who gets *in*?





A *The* HISTORIAL *Cultural* SETTING

A *Traditional*  
MIDDLE  
EASTERN  
BANQUET



# *B.* *The* EXCUSES *of the* ORIGINAL GUESTS

*First Excuses*  
POSSESSION &  
PERSONAL GAIN



# B. *The* EXCUSES *of the* ORIGINAL GUESTS

*Other Excuses*  
PASSION &  
PRIORITY *of*  
RELATIONSHIP



# C *The* RESPONSE *of the* HOST

***ANGER*** *due to*  
insult & injustice




**C** *The* RESPONSE *of the* HOST

**ANGER** *turns to*  
extended **Grace**

**He** INVITES *the* OUTCASTS



A person wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a patterned skirt is reaching out their right hand towards a textured, light-colored wall. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with a path and some vegetation. The text is overlaid on the wall.

*He invites  
outsiders &  
foreigners*



*D.* *The* CHARACTERS *of the* STORY

#1 *the* HOST



*D.* *The* CHARACTERS *of the* STORY

#2 *the* ***Original  
Guests***



*D.* *The* CHARACTERS *of the* STORY

#3 *the* ***Outcasts***



*D.* *The* CHARACTERS *of the* STORY

#4 *the* ***Outsiders***





*D.* *The* CHARACTERS *of the* STORY

#5 *the* **Servant**



THIS *is* A STORY...

*of* CONVICTION

*of* ENCOURAGEMENT

*of* INCREDIBLE  
GRACE





Q U E S T I O N

Where does **your** story  
converge with this story?