

# LIVING *a better* STORY

A SERIES *on* THE PARABLES



THE PARABLE *of*  
*the* THE TALENTS



## MATTHEW 25:14-30

“Again, [the Kingdom of Heaven] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.



## MATTHEW 25:14-30

“But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.’



## MATTHEW 25:14-30

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with the two talents also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.’



## MATTHEW 25:14-30

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received the one talent came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed.



## MATTHEW 25:14-30

‘So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.’



## MATTHEW 25:14-30

“Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”





THIS PARABLE *is about*  
...our **READINESS** as  
*the people of God*





When Jesus **RETURNS...**  
*how we have lived and what we have  
done will have **MATTERED!***





This isn't about *EARNING*...  
*but the EFFORT that grace  
deserves for our salvation.*





# What the *bags of gold* represent {NIV}

The GREAT COMMANDMENT  
& the GREAT COMMISSION

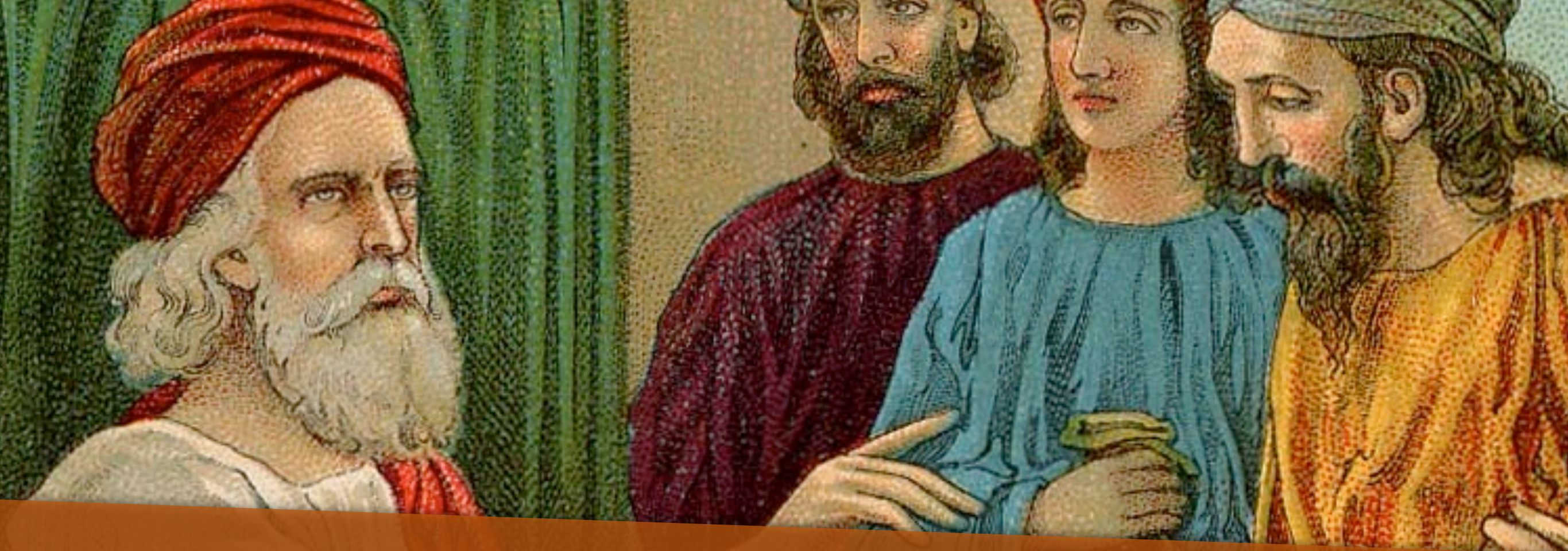




The *AMOUNT* isn't as  
important...

as the **RISK OF FAITH** that puts  
**KINGDOM RESOURCES** to work!





THE ONE WHO WAS JUDGED  
HARSHLY WAS NOT JUDGED  
FOR FAILURE, BUT FOR FEAR  
THAT PARALYZED HIM INTO  
**INACTION**





















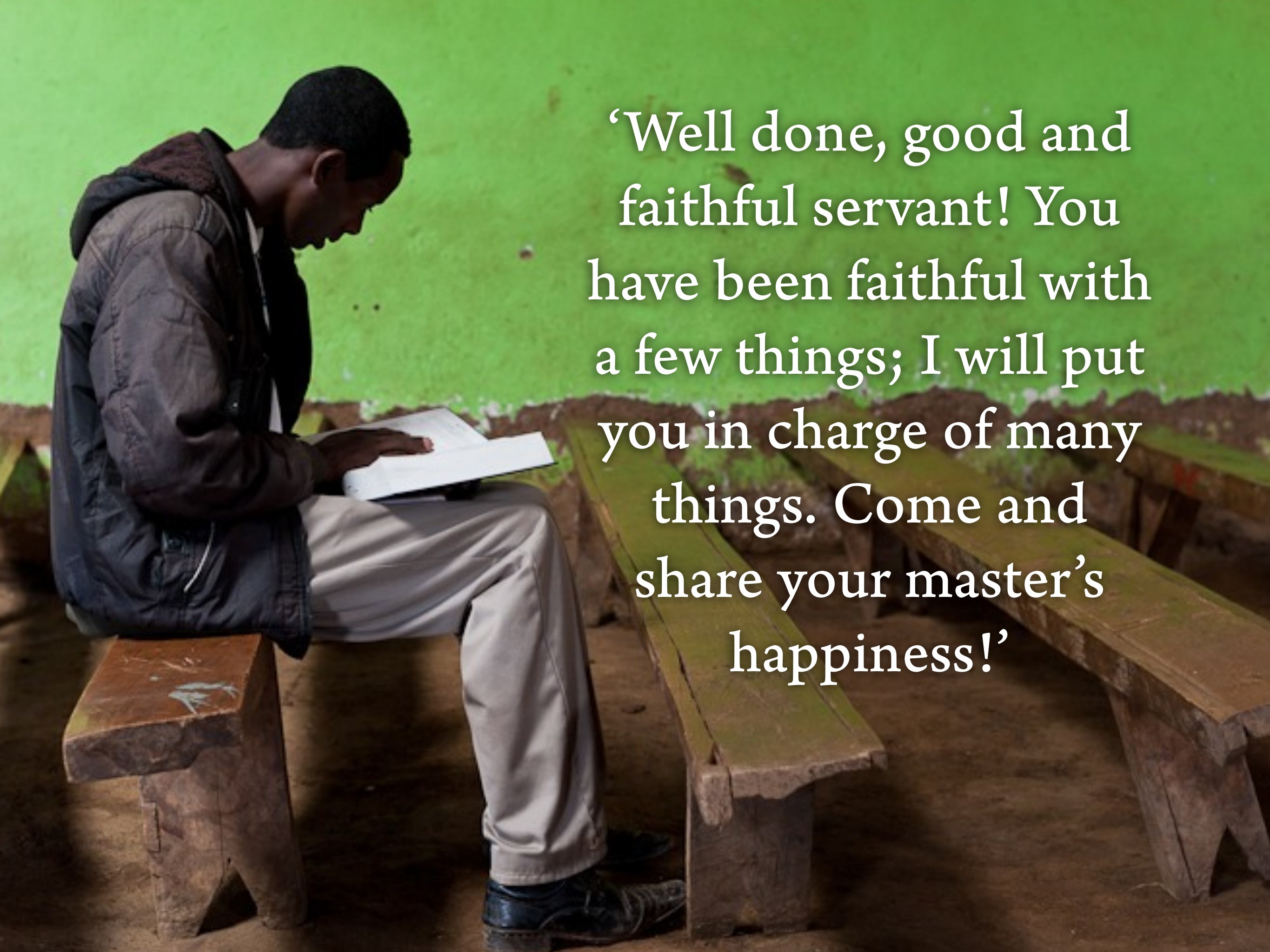












‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’





# 7 STRATEGIC VALUES *of this* MISSION

## #1 THE LOCAL CHURCH





# 7 STRATEGIC VALUES *of this* MISSION

#2 UNREACHED  
PEOPLE





# 7 STRATEGIC VALUES *of this* MISSION

#3 INDIGENOUS  
DNA





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## #4 COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIPS





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## #5 SUSTAINABILITY





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## #6 REPRODUCTION





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## #7 REDEEMPTIVE LIFT



How *are* we doing?  
MONTH 17

412,823

HAVE HEARD THE GOSPEL PREACHED

*“Go into all the world and preach the  
good news”*

MARK 16:15



How *are* we doing?  
MONTH 17

61,436  
HAVE BEEN SAVED

*“Whoever believes...will be saved”*

MARK 16:16



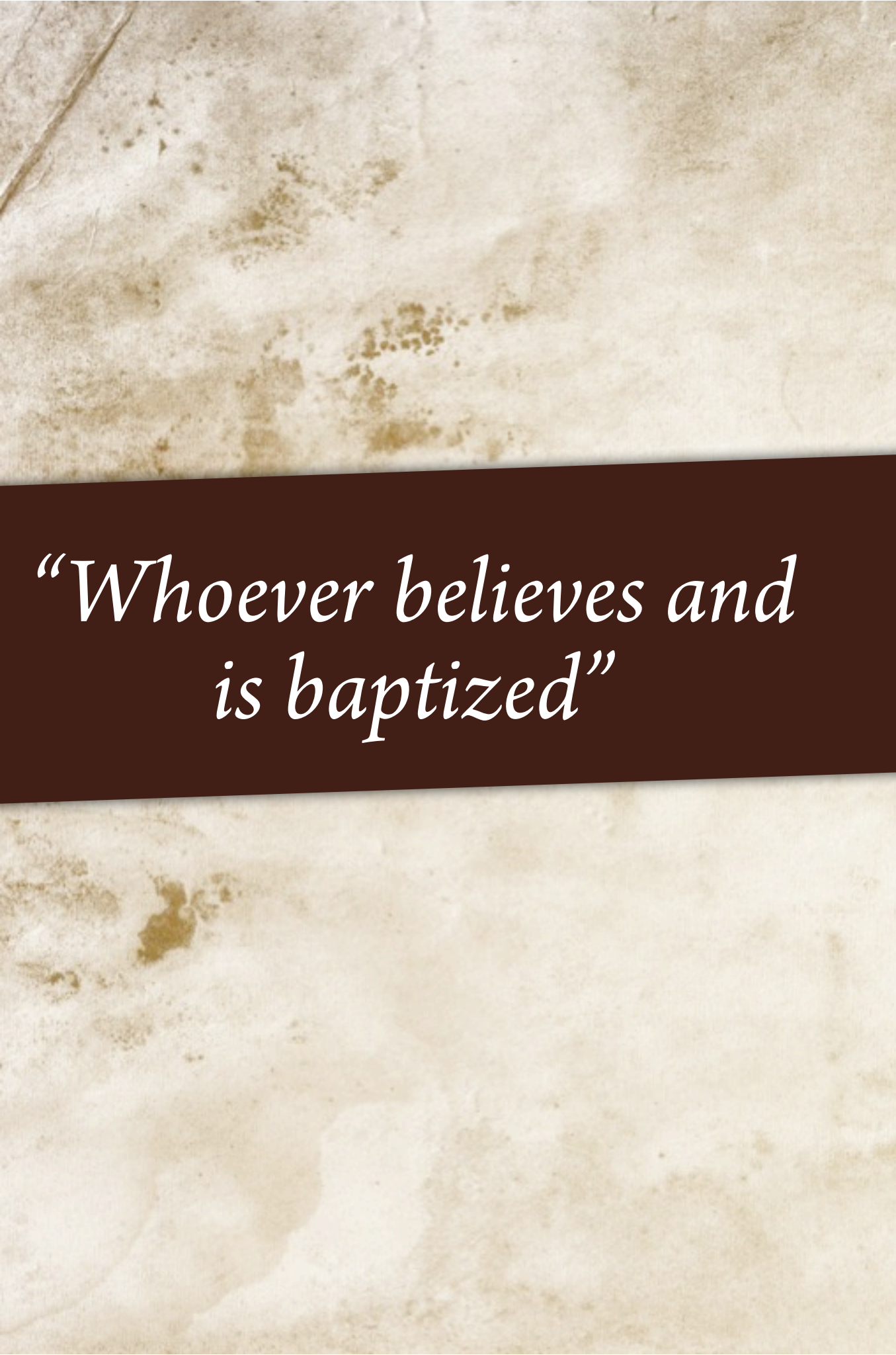
How *are* we doing?  
MONTH 17

22,021  
HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED

*“Whoever believes and is baptized...”*

MARK 1:16





*“Whoever believes and  
is baptized”*





How *are* we doing?  
MONTH 17

535  
CHURCHES HAVE BEEN PLANTED

*“I will build my church...”*

MATTHEW 16:18



**535**

CHURCHES HAVE BEEN PLANTED

**362**

CHURCHES SPONSORED *by* PCC

**173**

NEW CHURCHES PLANTED *by* PCC CHURCHES

**6,920**

NEW CONVERTS *in the* NEW CHURCHES

**385**

BUILDINGS ERECTED/UNDER CONSTRUCTION



“And the gates of hell *cannot* stop it!”



A photograph of a group of people, likely in a church, with their hands raised in the air. The focus is on the hands and the lower faces of the individuals. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent orange banner at the bottom.

Where is the King asking **you**  
to be a faith-risking steward?