



One Page Sermon

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Our Money Story: Remember

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Scripture: Exodus 16:1-8 and Luke 22:1-23

There was a time in the history of western music when a simple interval between two notes or a chord of two notes was largely prohibited. It was a simple combination of two notes separated by three full tones, or tritone. The two notes are dissonant. When played together, the sound is disharmonious. The unpleasant sound was thought to be evil, and nicknamed the “Devil’s Chord.” Composers avoided using the chord in any music, but especially in music used in churches. Interestingly, a tiny adjustment of just a half-step shifts the tritone into what is known as the perfect fifth. This chord is a beautiful, harmonious sound that is incredibly common in music. When the two tones are off, there is dissonance, which produces discomfort, even fear.

We all have a money story, and when our story aligns with God, there is harmony. When our story is off-kilter from God’s story, there is dissonance. There is discomfort, even fear. God’s story for money is that it is a tool to be used for good. God’s story is that there is enough for all. Today we shared two stories.

When the people were in the wilderness after escaping slavery from Egypt, there was fear. Even though the people had just come across the sea and been delivered from Pharaoh’s pursuit, their story had turned into one of fear and scarcity. They did not trust God and God’s story and instead allowed their fear to take over. God’s answer was to provide food in the wilderness. God’s answer was to show them that God would provide in the midst of their crisis.

When Jesus’ ministry was leading to conflict and anger with the religious and political authorities, Judas became frightened. His story became one of self-preservation. The leaders who wanted Jesus dead used money to sway Judas from the story of God’s salvation in Jesus. Instead, he followed the story of betrayal.

Scarcity led the people to complain against God. Fear led Judas to betray his friend. The stories they believed were dissonant with God’s story. That is why Remembrance is so important. W

We remember than in the midst of scarcity, God provided. We remember that in the midst of betrayal, Jesus offered bread and the cup of forgiveness to Judas.

Their stories were dissonant. God’s story was one of harmony. When we remember God’s story, we can return our story to harmony.

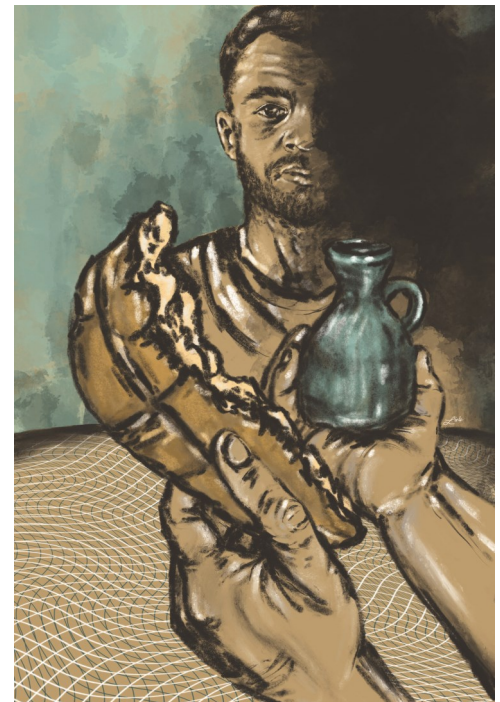
In times of our own wilderness—changing jobs, loss of loved ones, chaos, and anxiety—we can remember that God provides. It is in the wilderness that God most clearly shows up.

In times when we betray Jesus, and act on fear, self-preservation, or rest in status-quo, we can remember that Jesus handed Judas bread.

When we remember God’s story of grace, provision, and love, it can help us tell our story again. We align ourselves to God’s story and find the beauty of a harmonious chord.



The Perfect Fifth (above) is a resonant sound that is harmonic and pleasing to the ear. The Tritone, diminished fifth, or “Devils Chord” is dissonant, and sounds “off” as soon as you hear it.



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Next Week: RELEASE
Deuteronomy 15:1-11, Matthew 19:16-22