

NO EXCUSES

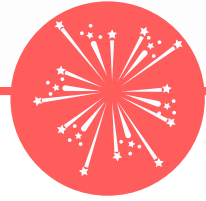
SERIES BREAK



WORD

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10



SPARKS

- What are one or two areas (spiritual, physical, relational, financial, etc.) where you would love to experience more of God's abundance right now?
- Is there an area where you've been playing it safe or staying in your comfort zone? Explain.
- What is one common excuse you've caught yourself often times using to "get out of trouble"?

Jesus made a bold declaration in John 10:10:

He didn't come just to give us ordinary life. He came so that we could experience life more abundantly! Yet far too many of us are settling for less than what God has destined for us. In this message, we'll dive into one of Jesus' Parable of the Talents and discover how to break free from mediocrity, fear, and hidden potential. If you're tired of playing small and ready to step into the full, vibrant life God created you for, then this message is for you. In this message, we will learn how to embrace the abundant life God has designed for every dimension of our lives with boldness and no excuses.

1. GOD WANTS US TO BE ABUNDANT IN ALL DIMENSIONS OF LIFE.

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Jesus came so that we may have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10), not just in one area but across every dimension. There are 7 Dimensions of an Abundant Life — Spiritual, Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, Relational, Vocational, and Financial, and God desires for us to thrive in ALL of them. We should regularly evaluate our lives to ensure we are not neglecting any area of our lives but pursuing balanced, overflowing life in each one. Which of the 7 dimensions of abundant life feels weakest in your life right now, and what is one small step you can take this week to grow in that area?

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2. GOD CALLS US TO STEP OUT FROM OUR COMFORT ZONES.

Matthew 25:15-16

*15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey.
16 Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents.*

God entrusts each of us with different abilities and resources (5 talents, 2 talents, or 1 talent), expecting us to use them actively rather than play it safe. The faithful servants immediately went out, traded, and multiplied what they were given, showing that stepping out in faith leads to greater responsibility and joy. Staying in our comfort zone by hiding or burying what God has given us prevents the growth and abundance He intends for us. In what area of your life (spiritual, vocational, relational, etc.) is God currently calling you to step out of your comfort zone, and what would taking that step look like this week?

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3. REFUSE TO LET WICKEDNESS, LAZINESS AND FEAR ROB YOU OF THE ABUNDANT LIFE GOD CREATED YOU FOR.

Matthew 25:26

26 'But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

Fear, excuses, and a wrong view of God (seeing Him as a “hard man”) lead to inaction and hiding our gifts instead of investing them. The lord called the inactive servant “wicked and lazy” because he failed to even put the money with the bankers to earn interest, showing that minimal effort is still expected. Those who are faithful with what they have been given receive more and enter into the joy of the lord. On the other hand, the wicked and lazy servant looked for every excuse for his failure and was therefore punished. The message is clear: No Excuses. What fear, excuse, or area of laziness is currently holding you back from fully using what God has entrusted to you, and how will you reject it moving forward?

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LIVE IT!

- **Pursue Abundance in All Dimensions.** Which of the 7 dimensions of my life needs the most growth right now, and what is one specific action I will take this week to increase abundance in that area?
- **Encourage and Support Others Regularly:** In which area of my life have I been playing it safe or hiding my gifts, and what is one bold, practical step of faith I will take this week to multiply what God has given me?
- **Address Negativity by Examining Its Roots:** What excuse, fear, or lazy habit is currently holding me back, and how will I replace it with the declaration “No Excuses” and take immediate action instead?



PRAYER

- Pray that God would help you experience His abundant life in every area: spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional, relational, vocational, and financial. Ask Him to reveal and strengthen the weakest dimension in your life.
- Ask God for courage and boldness to step out of your comfort zone and faithfully invest and multiply the gifts, talents, and opportunities He has entrusted to you.
- Pray for deliverance from fear, laziness, and every excuse that has been holding you back, and ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live with “No Excuses” as you pursue the abundant life God designed for you.

