

Parables of Jesus
Week Three
The New Wine of the Gospel
Mark 2:18-22
Pastor Davis Johnson
June 20th, 2021 (8:30 and 10:30am), FB Live (10am)
For His Glory and our joy!

TEXT:

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Message Notes:

- Where we're headed this morning
 - The question beneath the question
 - The answer in two parts
 - The meaning of the parable

- The question beneath the question "Why don't your people fast?"
 - What is fasting?
 - Where does the question come from?
 - John's Disciples/Pharisees
 - OT Law "do this and live" (Lev 18:5)
 - Dietary restrictions
 - Circumcision
 - Behavioral responsibility (sabbath, law keeping, etc.)
 - Law is everywhere
 - Modern examples
 - "Seculosity"

- The answer in two parts
 - Part I: From fasting to feasting

- Bridegroom language
 - It's inappropriate to fast sometimes
 - Jesus is a living, walking wedding party
 - Part II: From old to new
 - Old Garment
 - Unshrunk cloth makes tear worse
 - Old Wineskins
 - New wine bursts the skins: lose them both
 - The turn of the parable is a movement away from what we do, to having us consider who/what we are -- are we old or new?
- The meaning of the parable
 - Jesus and his cross: God's great "how" !!
 - He's the bridegroom taken away (Isaiah 53)
 - Jesus is the new wine of the parable...destroyed in our place
 - He was born into the world under the old covenant of law to both bring it to completion and take our place on the cross, so that we might be recreated to know God apart from anything we've done!
 - The cross is how we are made into new wineskins
 - Jesus and his gospel are the movement from fasting to feasting, from old to new, out of law-keeping to looking at the author of life
- Gospel application
 - How can you approach God on his terms not yours this week?

Bible References:

- Leviticus 18:4-5
 - 4 You must obey my laws and be careful to follow my decrees. I am the LORD your God. 5 Keep my decrees and laws, for the person who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.
- Isaiah 58:3
 - 3 Why have we fasted and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.
- Isaiah 62:5
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- Isaiah 53:8
 - 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.
- Mark 8:31-32
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- Hebrews 10:19-20
 - ...we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body
- Hebrews 7:18-19
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Quotes:

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an intense focus on behavioral purity, and everyone was basically afraid of messing up all the time. But since there was no substitute deity involved, at least not consciously, I figured a fresh term was called for to name this phenomenon.”

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PARABLES

Uncovering Good News



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Minneapolis Neighborhood Invaded By Frozen Pants





In parables, we try to identify what are called the points of reference. We look for areas that people would immediately identify with when they heard it. By knowing the points of reference, we can identify the unexpected turn in the story. The points of reference set up expectations, and the unexpected turn creates a surprise, which is the deeper lesson of the parable.

Michelle Lee-Barnewall, *Surprised by the Parables: Growing in Grace through the Stories of Jesus* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020), 1-2



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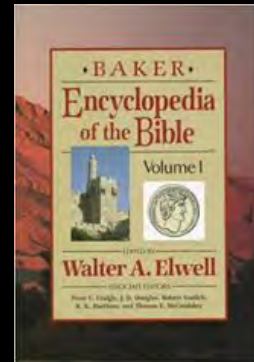
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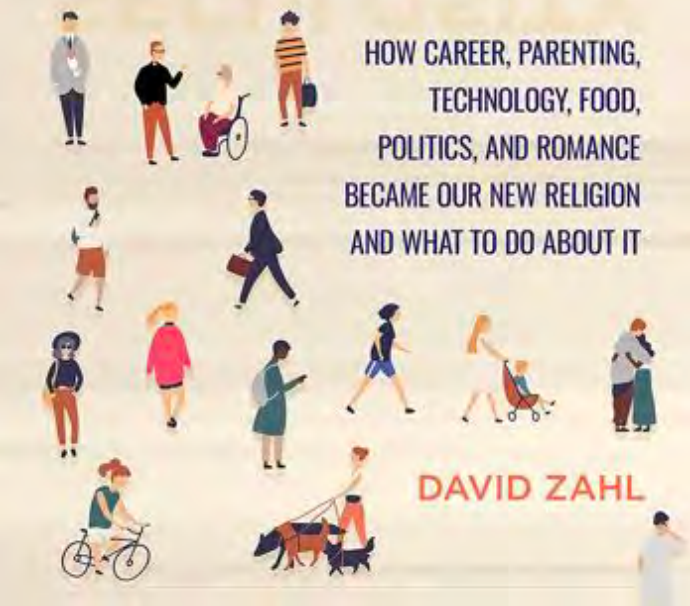
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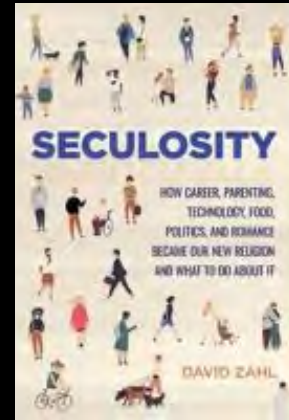


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TEARFUL ADMISSION ON "ELLEN"

Ronda Rousey Admits She Felt "Suicidal"

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"Honestly, my thought in the medical room, I was sitting in the corner and was like, 'What am I anymore if I'm not this? Literally sitting there thinking about killing myself. In that exact second, I'm like: I'm nothing. What do I do anymore?'"

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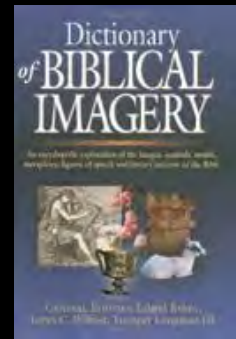
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	New	Old	Result?	How?	Why?
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Common Hymnal, The Cross Made the Change

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