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## EMBRACING THE CALL

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## As Unto The Lord

There are beautiful stories throughout the Bible where God stages an eternally significant event using very normal circumstances. Do you remember how God set the stage for Ruth's interaction with Boaz as she was laboring in the field (Ruth 2:2.7)? How about Rahab's encounter with the spies when they needed the protection of the flax she had laid in order (Joshua 2:6)? These women faithfully carried out common tasks of life, but in doing so, they were prepared instruments in the hands of the God in whom they trusted.

We must not be hindered from carrying out the routine disciplines of a godly life. Faithfulness in ordinary acts of obedience gives God glory. We may not be aware of the eternal significance of carrying out our responsibilities, but when we stand before the One who is orchestrating all the seemingly insignificant events into His master plan, we will.

During their lifetimes, these two women were never aware of the surprise ending to their stories. In case you don't already know, spoiler alert, they were both among the grandmothers of Jesus Christ in the line of Joseph. Their names are included in Matthew's account of Jesus' legal lineage to the throne of David (Matthew 1:5). Like them, you have no idea what God is doing with the many faithful acts of service you carry out every day, but you can believe God is always setting the stage for eternal significance.

I once heard it said, "A thousand little things done well is no little thing." I think it might be better said, "A thousand little things done as unto the Lord is no little thing for all eternity." God has told us in His Word, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23-24 ESV).

*She said, "Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves after the reapers. So she came, and she has continued from early morning until now, except for a short rest."*

RUTH 2:7 ESV

*But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof.*

JOSHUA 2:6 ESV

## Being Faithful In The Small Things

The Bible is full of stories about ordinary men and women who are faithful to God. In their obedience, He works to accomplish great things that hold eternal significance for His glory. In Mark 12, Jesus takes a seat to observe a poor widow who gave all she had. The faithful witness of this woman became a teachable moment for the disciples of Christ! You never know who He may have watching you.

The following Scripture passage and discussion questions can provide a conversation starter about the witness of our faithful obedience to God's will.

Mark 12:41-44 ESV

41 And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. 42 And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. 43 And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. 44 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

### Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Jesus chooses to sit down opposite the treasury at this particular moment? What does this tell us about how Jesus works?
- Three things are significant about the person for whom Jesus was watching that day. What difference does it make that it was a woman who was poor and widowed?
- Why would her circumstances make the teachable moment more impactful to the disciples?
- How is it possible that the two small coins she gave could be more than all the others had given (vs. 43)?
- Jesus wanted the disciples to learn from this one woman's act of obedience. What lessons about faithfulness can you learn from this moment in history?

### Trainer's Prayer List

Pray that they will beneficially love their husbands

Pray that they will beneficially love their children

Pray for their self-control

Pray for their purity

Pray for their work at home

Pray for their hearts to show kindness

Pray for wisdom in following their husband