

YOU ARE HERE #5
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“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:13-16 MSG

STATEMENT OF _____

STATEMENT ABOUT _____

STATEMENT ABOUT _____

GOD’S MAN = _____

RECEIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR RELATIONSHIPS

SET UP: “THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...”

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[a] was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.” Matthew 18:23-27 NIV

OVERWHELMING _____.

PIVOTAL _____.

UNEXPECTED _____.

THE RECEIVER’S RESPONSE

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. “ His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’ But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.” Matthew 18:28-30 NIV

UNWILLING TO _____.

UNWILLING TO _____.

UNWILLING TO _____.

THE RECEIVER’S RECKONING

When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master handed him over to

the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." Matthew 18:31-34 NIV

WHAT I _____.

WHAT I _____.

WHAT IS _____.

WEAR YOUR IDENTITY PROUDLY ...RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE! !

"So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it." Colossians 3:14-16 MSG

"Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along." Romans 13:8 MSG

For Discussion:

HOW DO THE IDENTITY STATEMENTS ABOUT YOU BEING "SALT" AND "LIGHT" CHANGE THE WAY YOU PERCEIVE YOURSELF, YOUR ENERGY, AND YOUR EXPRESSION?

HOW HAS GOD BEEN GENEROUS WITH YOU?

WHY IS PAUSING TO REFLECT ON WHAT GOD HAS DONE SO IMPORTANT FOR REPRODUCING OUR EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS?

WHAT HOLDS US BACK FROM WEARING OUR IDENTITY PROUDLY IN THE MOMENT WITH PEOPLE?

HOW AND WITH WHOM CAN YOU APPLY THIS WORD FROM GOD TO YOU?

FILL-INS:

**IDENTITY
ENERGY
EXPRESSION
CHANGE AGENT**

**BURDENS
MOMENTS
GENEROSITY**

**REFLECT ON WHAT HAPPENED
REPRODUCE WHAT HE RECEIVED
REDEFINE HIS OWN RELATIONSHIPS**

**EXPERIENCE WITH GOD BECOMES MY LIFE IN GOD
RECEIVE FROM GOD IS WHAT I REPRODUCE IN RELATIONSHIPS
MODELED BY GOD IS MEANT FOR GOD'S MAN**