GRATITUDE: REJOICING IN HIS GENEROSITY

COMPLETED NOTES / MATTHEW 19:27–20:16



Peter's Formation

IDENTITY → CALLING → DISCIPLESHIP → FAITH → CONFESSION
CORRECTION → SURRENDER → GLORY → FREEDOM → FORGIVENESS → GRATITUDE

FORMATION FOCUS: GRATITUDE

Jesus teaches Peter to trust His promises, receive His generosity with gratitude, and rejoice when that generosity is extended to others.

BIG IDEA

Jesus promises gracious reward to those who follow Him and calls them to trust His goodness without resenting His generosity toward others.

I. Jesus assures His followers that their sacrifice is not in vain.

MATTHEW 19:27–30

• Peter asks what awaits those who **follow** Jesus.

• Jesus promises His apostles a place in His coming **reign**.

• Jesus promises blessing and **eternal life** to those who suffer loss for His name.

Jesus acknowledges sacrifice; He does not promise a trouble-free life or teach that sacrifice purchases salvation.

Following Jesus is not wasted.

II. Jesus exposes the resentment that comparison can produce.

MATTHEW 20:1–12

• The landowner hires workers at **different** hours.

• The late workers' payment raises the early workers' **expectations**.

• The early workers resent receiving the **same** amount.

The first workers receive the agreed payment. Their complaint concerns the landowner's generosity to others.

Comparison can turn gratitude into resentment.

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III. Jesus calls His followers to trust His righteous generosity.

MATTHEW 20:13–16

- The landowner has kept his **agreement**.
- The landowner is free to give **generously**.
- Jesus challenges human calculations of **first and last**.

God's justice and generosity belong together. This parable does not excuse broken promises, unfair treatment, or neglect of faithful service.

God's generosity to others does not diminish His faithfulness to me.

REFLECTION & RESPONSE

1. Where do I need to trust Christ's promises in a costly act of obedience?

2. Whose blessing or welcome has exposed comparison or resentment in me?

3. What would it look like to rejoice in God's generosity toward that person?

CHRIST AT THE CENTER

The King who promises our future is the Savior who gives His life to redeem us.

Matthew 20:28 • Our service does not purchase His grace.

Trust His promises. Examine your comparison. Rejoice in His generosity.