Praying through the week 30th September 2024 Parables - from Matthew 20 vs 1-16

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The landowner then went out on the 3^{rd} hour to hire men, then again on the 6^{th} hour and yet again on the 9^{th} hour.

On the 11th hour he found men standing about with no work, feeling unwanted. So he hired these men, even though it was the end of the day. How wonderful this parable is, and how I praise God that this, and other parables are in our bibles for all to read.

It tells us so clearly that no matter when in our lives we come to know God, it is NEVER too late. There is never a bad time for God, he always forgives us when we confess our sins and turn to him.

For those who come to know God early in their lives, will be treated no differently to those who turn to God later in their lives.

Vs 14 says, I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you.

Vs 16 then tells us, So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Let us all give thanks and praise, that no matter what kind of journey we have been on, and no matter how many years it took, we shall all be the same to God.

Dear Father,

Thank you for coming into our lives and for your wonderful Grace and Mercy.

Help us to share your words of love and compassion to all those we meet who are feeling unwanted and alone. For those who are at the end of the queue because the road they have travelled has been so rugged. In your precious name we pray.

Amen. Linda.



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