

Pastor David's notes for 1/30-31/2010

Building the case

The case for commitment

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did what his father wanted?"

Matthew 21:28-31a

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?"

Luke 9:23-25

"At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-by, but Ruth clung to her. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me."

Ruth 1:14-17

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"The case for commitment"

Commitment is one of those essential qualities of life and real relationship that we are tempted to fear, avoid or break. True commitment is ultimately something we must:

1. learn

2. choose

3. grow

However reluctantly we begin, however many times we have to begin again, true commitment is the only thing that will lead us into true:

1. service

2. intimacy

3. fruitfulness

next weekend: a new series - "Generosity"

