



Harvest Offering '24





George Washington



Mt. Vernon



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- His throat was swabbed with a salve and dried beetles.

Behold the King!

Show and Tell

1-2

Prologue

3-7

Ministry Begins
(3-4)

Sermon on the Mount
(5-7)

8-10

Kingdom Breaks In
(8-9)

Sermon on the Mission
(10)

11-13

No Middle Ground
(11-12)

Sermon in Parables
(13)

14-18

You Are the Christ
(14-17)

Sermon on Relationships
(18)

19-25

Escalation of Conflict
(19-23)

Sermon on Mt of Olives
(24-25)

26-28

Passion of Christ
(26-28)

Great Commission
(28:19-20)

3 SETS OF MIRACLES - 3 CALLS

LEPER
SERVANT
MOTHER-IN-LAW

CALL

STORM
DEMONS
PARALYTIC

CALL

WOMAN/GIRL
2 BLIND MEN
MUTE MAN

CALL

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- helpless = fragile

“Jesus walked the earth rehumanizing the dehumanized.... Why? Because his heart refused to let him sleep in. Sadness confronted him in every town.

“So wherever he went, whenever he was confronted with pain and longing, he spread the good contagion of his cleansing mercy.”

Dane Ortlund

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weak = spiritually feeble

“Like sheep without a shepherd”

“Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

“The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.

“So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered;”

Ezekiel 34:2, 4-5

“I am against the shepherds”

“I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep.

“And I will set up over them one shepherd,
my servant David, and he shall feed them:
he shall feed them and be their shepherd.

“And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

Ezekiel 34:22-24

See the mission of Jesus.

See the compassion of Jesus.

See the desperation without Jesus.

What is he calling us to do?

“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”

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pray earnestly = beseech or beg

with a sense of urgency

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“Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

“Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.’

“When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, ‘Who then can be saved?’

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’”

Matthew 19:24-26

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2. Harvesting without prayer-saturated sending is impossible.
3. Harvesting without prayer-saturated sending is **discouraging**.

* If you have the compassion of Jesus
without the call of Jesus,
you won't make it!



John Beckett

“I was prideful. With everything going my way, I thought I could handle life on my own strength. But these challenges brought me to the end of myself.

“I realized I wouldn’t succeed relying solely on my own resources. For the first time, I turned to the Lord in a personal way – not just knowing about Him, but truly getting to know Him.

“Out of those ashes, faith grew, and I became a follower of Jesus Christ.”

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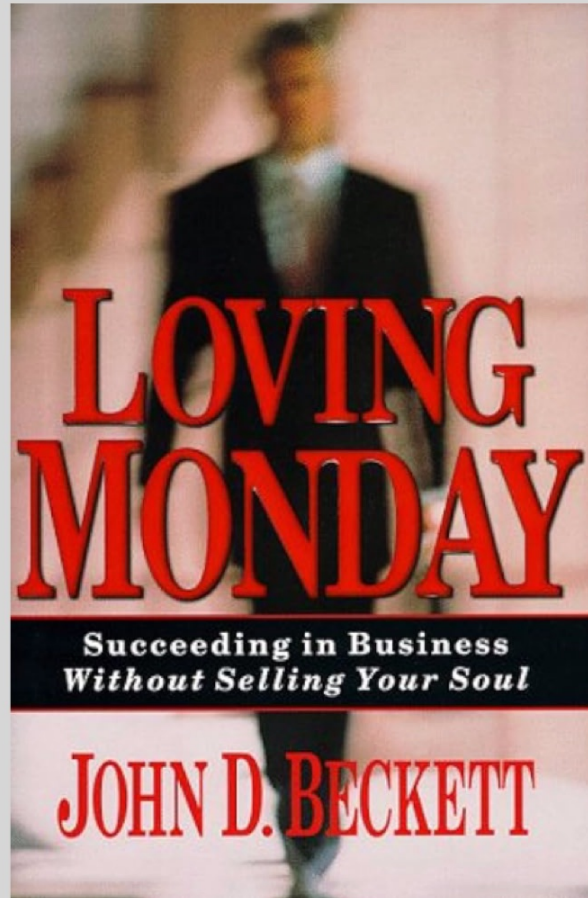
“My call to Christ grew out of business challenges - the sudden death of my dad (our company’s founder), and a devastating fire.

“At one point I realized I was on a fool’s errand – trying to build a business in my own strength.

“Following my conversion, my call to vocation was confirmed when I sensed the Lord speak to me: ‘John, I’ve called you to business. Do it with all your heart.’

“That was five decades ago, and I haven’t looked back. My goal is indeed to live a life worthy of my dual callings – to the Lord and to business – and to do so with my fullest energy and capacities.”

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Will we respond to the call?

“We believe that prayer is the life-blood of the church and that the prayers of God’s people are marked by both dependence and expectation. We seek to saturate every aspect of ministry with humble surrender and confident intercession.”

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