

Going Outside the Lines II

We are programmed to stay inside the lines. We are trained to play it safe. We are developed to stay inside the margins. We are encouraged to be comfortable.

The real adventures in life are outside the lines and off the map.

Luke 14 gives 3 pictures of Jesus.

- Jesus the guest *1-14*
- Jesus the host *15-24*
- Jesus the master *25-25*

Consider *Luke 14:15-25*

NKJ Luke 14:15 Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "**Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!**"¹⁶ Then He said to him, "**A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,**"¹⁷ "and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, '**Come, for all things are now ready.**'"¹⁸ "But they all with one *accord* began to make excuses. **The first** said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'¹⁹ "**And another** said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'²⁰ "**Still another** said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'²¹ "So that servant came and reported these things to his master. **Then the master of the house, being angry,** said to his servant, '**Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.**'"²² "And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and **still there is room.**'"²³ "Then the master said to the servant, '**Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.**'"²⁴ "For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

I

A supper is a place of communion, fellowship and *openness*. Vs 16

A supper is a place of sharing with others.

A supper is a place to share with different kinds of people.

- The good news is, you are invited "Come, all things are ready".

II

An excuse is something offered as justification or as grounds for declining or being absent.

There are those so busy in *business* they will not come to the feast. Vs 18

There are those so busy in the *marketplace* they will not come.

There are those who refuse the invitation to gratify themselves. Vs 19

There are those who refuse the offer because of relationships. Vs 20

- This first group is at ease in their own houses, businesses and comfort.

III

The host is angry. Vs 21

The offer to supper goes out to the *marginalized*, ignored and throwaways.

Many have come, however the host says "There is still room". Vs 23

The second and third group are *grateful* to come.

The second and third wave are usually not *invited*.

The second and third people group are in less *visible* places.

- The second and third invitees must be found and sought out.

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