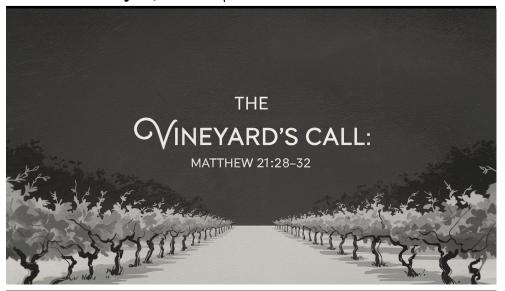
The Vineyard's Call

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Observation: What is happening here?:

Understanding the Scene: The Parable of the Two Sons (Symbolism):

- Father = God, the One who calls people to His Vineyard v28
- Sons = People invited into to the Vineyard vv28-30
- Vineyard = The New Life as God's People (Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:8-16)
- First Son = Resisted at first but later repented (changed his mind) v29
- Second Son = Said yes, but did not follow through. No repentance. v30
- Tax Collectors and Prostitutes = Outcasts who genuinely repent v31-32
- Religious Leaders = Those who appear righteous but reject the truth v32

Parabolic Outline:

The Father invites both sons to work in His vineyard - v28
One refuses but changes his mind (metamelomai*) and obeys - v29
The other agrees but never goes - v30
Outcasts who repent will enter the Kingdom before the self-righteous - v31-32

*Note: Both *metamelomai* and *metanoia* are defined as a **change of mind**. *Metamelomai* is more about <u>conviction</u> (*regret or sorrow*) This word is <u>rare</u> in scripture. *Metanoia* is more commion. It is a turning, a "**light bulb**" moment that leads to transformation.

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Interpretation: What can we learn (interpret) from this?

Conviction Invites Us to Respond

- Whether you change your mind through a lightbulb moment (*metanoia*) or through regret and sorrow (*metamelomai*), God invites us to respond to Him.
 - Reference Verse(s): Matthew 3:2, 2 Corinthians 7:10, Acts 26:20, Luke 15:17-20

· Let Your Words and Actions Agree

- Don't be a hypocrite before God. Let your "yes" mean yes. Believe. Trust.
 Follow.
 - Reference Verse(s): Matthew 7:21, Titus 1:16, James 2:17, 1 John 3:18

• Response Matters More Than Resistance

- God invites us all. Some will reject. Others will respond. He gives us time but not forever.
 - Reference Verse(s): Matthew 21:31-32, Luke 18:13-14, Luke 7:29-30, Romans 9:30-32

Application: What can I do? How can I live this out?

Examine Your Heart: Words and Deeds

- Live your life journeying with Christ in faith. Be consistent in what you say and what you do.
 - Reference Verse(s): 2 Corinthians 13:5, Matthew 5:37, 1 John 2:3-6

· Respond to the Vineyard's Call to Christ

- The Vineyard represents new life now and forever. Today is the time to respond to that call.
 - Reference Verse(s): Hebrews 3:15, John 10:27, Isaiah 55:6-7

• Proclaim the Gospel to the Soft and the Hardened

- Through words and actions, share God's grace with others. This is our call: to spread the good news.
 - <u>Reference Verse(s)</u>: *Romans 10:14–15, Luke 14:23, 2 Peter 3:9*

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