

# The Vineyard's Call

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### Observation: What is happening here?:

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#### **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 conviction (*regret or sorrow*) This word is rare in scripture.

*Metanoia* is more common. It is a turning, a "**light bulb**" moment that leads to transformation.

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

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- **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*

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

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- **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.
  - Reference Verse(s): *Romans 10:14-15, Luke 14:23, 2 Peter 3:9*

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