



## Life Church Sermon Sheet: Happy Father's Day

Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025 Rev. M. Dixon  
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**Title: Luke 16: Being a First Responder for God**

God wants us to understand the importance of Connecting With Pain in safe spaces-  
**Check the scene**

**Remember one who was in our midst.**

**Week 2: Pain is our 911, our invitation to serve.**

Scriptures: **Luke 16:16-18 DEALING WITH THE UNSAFE SCENES- CLEARING OUT THE Sadducees and Pharisees.**

### **Divorce and the abuse of Power: Luke 16:16-18**

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18 "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

- 1. First Responders have VALUE EVERYONE!!! Eli had a hard time Valuing Hannah, Elkanah- Valued his wife (at least one of them)**
- 2. Eli vs Elkanah... How we treat women (and the least of these) is key to how we love God... A good man's Wife and mother of his children is known in the gates... and is not sent off because they get in a spat.**
- 3. The Scene was not safe in Jesus time, because of the Pharisees and Sadducees. They both had issues with Divorce and marriage that revolved around power... That is what is being Addressed in Luke 16 and in Mark 12.**

☒ CHECK

☒ CALL

☒ CARE

### Group Questions #2 Valuing the least among us, and answering EVERY 911 call...

Questions:

1. What did this Scripture mean to those who Heard it? What does it mean for us? Elkanah and Eli, Pharisees and Sadducees, etc.
2. Is it easier to help someone who is easier to deal with, like you, doesn't curse or smell or have easier problems to deal with than an easier coworker?
3. Divorce is a test for us... If you have a hard time serving a person you chose, how much harder will it be to serve someone on the other end of the 911 call. Jonah and the Amorites for example.
4. Jesus addresses the people creating unsafe spaces for those who are weak... Are there ways we create or ignore unsafe spaces for people around us? Or show favoritism?
5. What things take up Brain Space in our relationships that prevent Reconciliation, and our Peace?





## Life Church Sermon Sheet:



Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025 Rev. M. Dixon

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**Title: Luke 16: Being a First Responder for God**

God wants us to understand the priority of the Heart

**Remember one who was in our midst.**

**Week 1: The Balance between Justice and Love.**

**Scriptures: Luke 16:1-15 The Shrewd Manager, We can't serve money!**

### **The Shrewd manager: Luke 16:1-15**

**<sup>10</sup> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. " So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?**

**<sup>13</sup> "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."**

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Group Questions #1 is Key others are points of Departure...

Questions:

6. What did this Scripture mean to those who Heard it? What does it mean for us?
7. Do you run to Needs, or run away from them? What does that Look like?
8. Are there areas you have learned helplessness? How can you confront that in others you are trying to help?
9. What are Lessons learned from the Shrewd Manager, from EMT's that we can apply to how we outreach to those around us?
10. What Lessons of Money can we take from this Parable... ? Is Money Evil? The Love of Wealth, like the love of any idol is? Do we secretly worship money?
11. What Things do we carry that get in the Way of service?
12. What things take up Brain Space in our head that slows us down or slows us from running to those in need?



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Life Church Sermon, June 15 By MD ^2

WHEN YOUR JOB  
IS HELPING OTHERS...

IT'S STILL OK TO  
ASK FOR HELP.

**VALUING OTHERS AND  
OURSELVES FULLY... AS  
GOD DOES!**

**FATHER'S DAY**

**PART 2- LUKE 16**

**REMEMBERING A FIRST  
RESPONDER IN OUR MIDST  
BILL BAXTER**

# THE LIFE OF THE FIRST RESPONDER

- The life of a first responder is **a challenging but rewarding one, involving long hours, exposure to traumatic events, and a significant impact on their communities.** They face immense pressure and risk, often seeing severe injuries, illness, and death, which can lead to psychological and physical health issues. Despite these challenges, many find deep satisfaction in their ability to help others in crisis. (Google Gemini)

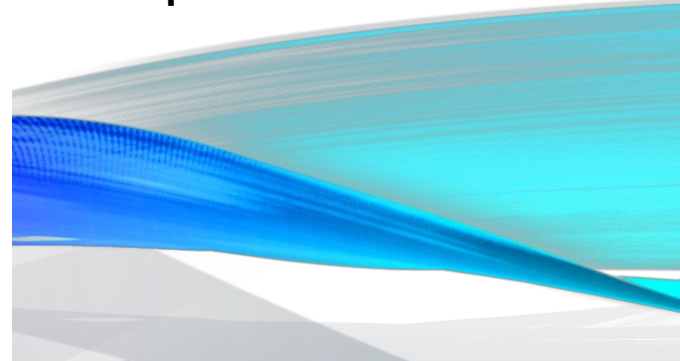
## FIRST AID PRIORITIES

1. Assess an situation quickly and calmly
2. Protect yourself and any casualties from danger (never put yourself at risk)
3. Prevent cross infection between yourself and the casualty
4. Comfort and reassure casualties at all times
5. Assess the casualty (identify, as far as you can, the injury or nature of illness affecting a casualty)
6. Give early treatment and treat the casualties with the most serious (life threatening) conditions first
7. Arrange for appropriate help
8. Stay with a casualty until care is available

**Week #2 Divorce is not the Rule  
but the Spirit of Supporting  
those who cannot help  
themselves...**

LUKE 16  
PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF  
PRIORITY... LESSONS FROM  
CPR!

**Week 2: What Should a first  
responder focus on?**





# BEING READY FOR EMERGENCIES

- **Jesus is returning...** As Christians we may debate when, but we all agree, He's coming back. There will be wars and Rumors of wars.. We have that in spades...
- **We need to be ready.** As an EMT You need to know that People's Pain is the point of contact with God's Grace! WE ARE OFTEN THE POINT OF CONTACT GOD CHOOSES!!!!
- **We need to be healthy and Prepared ourselves and have more in our storehouses than we need!** *9 I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.*
- **BE READY for emergencies yourself! What does this look like? Training, Resources, Making sure the ambulance has gas...** Just saying... Get Cash out... If the Grid goes down... have some Water and food in case of emergencies... and if you have some to share that would be amazing. This was not part of the sermon, but Something to think and pray about.
- **REMEMBER- THE FIRST RULE of helping someone in an emergency is to check the scene... Avoid, move the patient from or get rid of things that can cause harm!** Jesus is checking the Pharisees and the Sadducees regarding Marriage... and those who could not protect themselves... Women!



# FATHER'S DAY OT EXAMPLES

## ELKANAH AND ELI

### I SAM 2: 11- 29 NIV

<sup>11</sup> Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the LORD under Eli the priest.

#### **Eli's Wicked Sons**

<sup>12</sup> Eli's sons were scoundrels; they had no regard for the LORD. <sup>13</sup> Now it was the practice of the priests that, whenever any of the people offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fork in his hand while the meat was being boiled <sup>14</sup> and would plunge the fork into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. Whatever the fork brought up the priest would take for himself. This is how they treated all the Israelites who came to Shiloh. <sup>15</sup> But even before the fat was burned, the priest's servant would come and say to the person who was sacrificing, "Give the priest some meat to roast; he won't accept boiled meat from you, but only raw."

<sup>16</sup> If the person said to him, "Let the fat be burned first, and then take whatever you want," the servant would answer, "No, hand it over now; if you don't, I'll take it by force."

<sup>17</sup> This sin of the young men was very great in the LORD's sight, for they<sup>[b]</sup> were treating the LORD's offering with contempt.

<sup>18</sup> But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, "May the LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to<sup>[c]</sup> the LORD." Then they would go home. <sup>21</sup> And the LORD was gracious to Hannah; she gave birth to three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile, the boy Samuel grew up in the presence of the LORD.

# I SAM. 2: CONTINUED

<sup>22</sup> Now Eli, who was very old, heard about everything his sons were doing to all Israel and how they slept with the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>23</sup> So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? I hear from all the people about these wicked deeds of yours. <sup>24</sup> No, my sons; the report I hear spreading among the LORD's people is not good. <sup>25</sup> If one person sins against another, God may mediate for the offender; but if anyone sins against the LORD, who will intercede for them?" His sons, however, did not listen to their father's rebuke, for it was the LORD's will to put them to death.

<sup>26</sup> And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with people.

## **Prophecy Against the House of Eli**

<sup>27</sup> Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, "This is what the LORD says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your ancestor's family when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh? <sup>28</sup> I chose your ancestor out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod in my presence. I also gave your ancestor's family all the food offerings presented by the Israelites. <sup>29</sup> Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?'



# FATHER'S ARE A FORM OF FIRST RESPONDER IN THE HOME...

- What Father's Prioritize is important... Elkanah had a favorite wife... Having favorites is a reality challenge... Having it in a society where people have multiple wives can be an issue... Baby momma Drama, did not overshadow God's Sight of his Love for him... Christians today tend to focus on the "sins" of others rather than Their own Love for God and his image bearers. Many Christians are Like Eli vs Elkanah. Not seeing the Drama in their own lives, and look down on people versus giving God their hearts... YOU KNOW A CHRISTIAN BY THEIR NOT CANCELLING OF PEOPLE! By their Love, not by their RULES... EMT Go where you are sent
- We are First Responders, we Don't blame people for the mistakes that lead to injury. We address the REPENTANCE of getting Help and seeing others and ourselves like God does. We must value the people who are willing to call us via 911.
- We must be willing to call 911 ourselves! Who does Batman call when he needs help? Superman? God, and his people are our justice league! Elkanah went to Eli... Eli did not Go to God! It is Ok to make mistakes, but we must stand for what is right and not take advantage of others... ELI taught his sons to do that, by not correcting... Many Christians are teaching their children to attack other image bearers! Woe to them!

# FIRST RESPONDERS HAVE VALUE EVERYONE!!!

- Jesus Use of the Old Testament and Hyperbole is Key to understanding who God is... Many will focus on adultery and Miss the Heart!!! Abraham and David had multiple wives...
- Eli valued himself and eating over others, and discipling his sons... His heart was seen in what he allowed for self gain...
- Elkanah's heart was proven, but what he loved, willing to give up his prized son, for his wife, and for the God who have her the son in the first place... Baby momma Drama aside... EMT's have to deal with messiness... We must focus on the Hearts of the matter! CPR, AED and Choking VERY IMPORTANT things to focus on.. We must Check the scene first!



LUKE 16: 14-18

**DIVORCE...JESUS GETTING AT THE PHARISEES(HILLEL)  
WHERE IT HURT. MONEY AND POWER (ESPECIALLY OVER WOMEN)**

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# MARRIAGE

## MARK 12: 18-27 JESUS GETTING AT THE SADDUCEES WHERE IT HURT- THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH THE ROMANS AND RESURRECTION .

- <sup>18</sup>Then **the Sadducees**, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>19</sup>“Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. <sup>20</sup>Now there were seven brothers. The first one married and died without leaving any children. <sup>21</sup>The second one married the widow, but he also died, leaving no child. It was the same with the third. <sup>22</sup>In fact, none of the seven left any children. Last of all, the woman died too. <sup>23</sup>At the resurrection<sup>[c]</sup> whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”
- <sup>24</sup>Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? <sup>25</sup>When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup>Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’<sup>[d]</sup>? <sup>27</sup>He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!”



# MAMMON

## We can't serve God and Mammon

Mammon is an Aramaic Word.. Often Considered a Spirit of Wealth, not just Money or Wealth.

1. Recap... 10 Commandments... Love God and His Image Bearers. NO IDOLOTRY.. You can't be a True Christian and ask other gods for help...the Prodigal son, knew his 911 number called his Father... Material things by definition when trusted for life and safety and worship are Idols...
2. A kingdom cannot be divided among itself... [Luke 11:17](#)
3. But He knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every **kingdom divided** against itself is laid waste; and a house **divided** against itself falls.
4. The Prodigal son worshipped Wealth before he left. When he came back he worshipped his father.
5. THE CURE FOR OVERCOMING THIS SPIRIT IS SIMPLE!!!! Generosity- Hospitality! We Overcome this Spirit by finding ways to give back! That is Love- that is God! One Master!



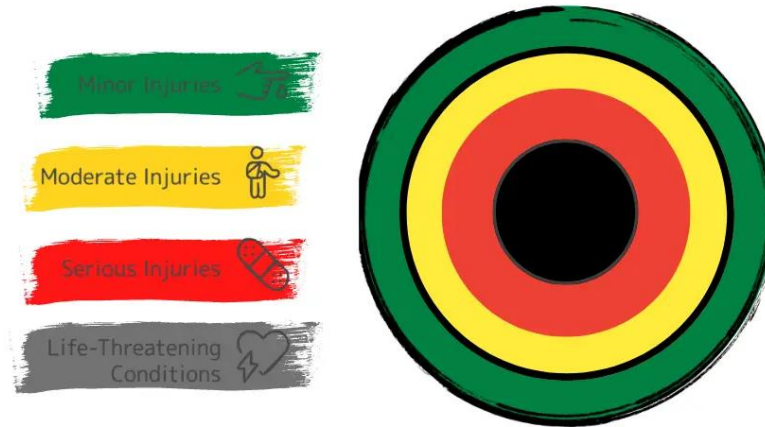
# WE MUST DO TRIAGE IN OUR MASS EMERGENCY SITUATION

- The **Universal DNR Order**- This was interesting to discover when looking at Mass emergency situations.. Your Resources are not unlimited...
- Various Idaho hospitals have a "Universal DNR Order" implemented into its Crisis Standards of Care Action Plan.

According to an Idaho Department of Health and Welfare document on strategies for patients in "scarce resource situations," the Universal DNR Order is defined as:

- "Adult patients who are hospitalized during a patient emergency when crisis standards of care have been declared, and hospitals are using mechanical ventilation allocation framework due to high demand of ventilators, that adult patients should receive no attempts at resuscitation in the event of cardiac arrest."
- This may sound barbaric, however, as unfortunate as it is, it's a possibility if facilities become so overrun without enough resources.
- Source: <https://nursingcecentral.com/code-black-in-hospitals-what-does-it-mean-should-i-worry/>

## Triage Categories in Emergency Care



## FIRST RESPONDERS GO WHERE THEY ARE SENT, AND WHERE THERE IS NEED...

- This is not about justice, but about Love. Is our Love intentionally unconditional. That is what Jesus was to non-Jewish women- uncalled for in his day! The Samaritan woman, the Syrophoenician woman, The unclean woman with an issue of blood, etc.)
- Jesus went to the Lost houses of Israel, but those who called 911, he ALWAYS helped... Mark 7- The Syrophoenician woman for example
- The woman from the borders of Tyre and Sidon whose daughter Jesus healed is described as "a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race" ([Mark 7:26](#)). Discipleship is managing the call center, to see who we can help and once they are well, helping them help others.
- Taxes pay for first responders, GOD pays those who serve him.



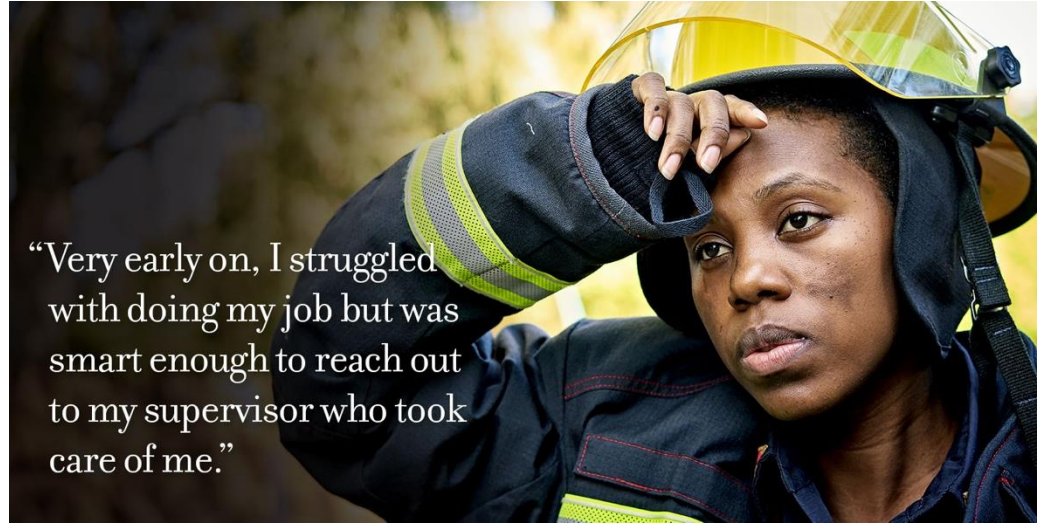
## **AS DISCIPLES WE CURATE THE WHO WE DISCIPLE AND SERVE AND HOW WE REMAIN HEALTHY ENOUGH TO HELP!**

- Who do we serve- We decide. The Pharisees made it clear they didn't want to outreach to romans and gentiles- they were the enemy, and their rules made a wall between them and the gentiles- not just a difference between their gods and rules, but between the people themselves.
- Jesus broke down that wall and was accessible to all!
- Are people Accessible to you?
- Do they think you don't like them?
- What can we do to break walls down but not compromise who we are?
- BRAIN SPACE. How do we keep our Brain space filled with God and Praise for him so we don't get burned...



## HOW WE CURATE DISCIPLES: INTENTIONALLY LOVE THOSE AROUND US REMOVE THE WALLS AND SHARE OURSELVES!

- Brain Space Exercises... Earworms to anxiety... When you hear about accident on the expressway your child was on... How does this relate to Divorce? We get down on People when we begin to dwell on faults. This is a matter of the flesh... Saul was the Flesh King and he was also the cure for the Flesh...



“Very early on, I struggled with doing my job but was smart enough to reach out to my supervisor who took care of me.”

THE LIFE OF AN EMT IS MOSTLY BORING! ROUTINE, NOT EXCITING! BEING  
READY FOR THOSE SPECIAL MOMENTS IS KEY!

- The Life of a first Responder

