

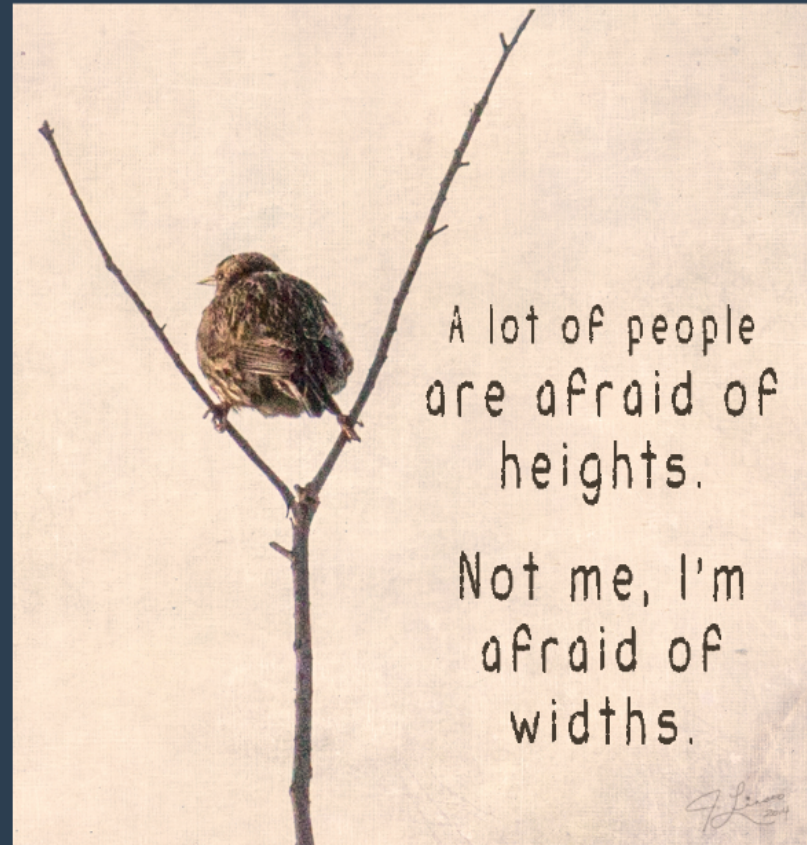
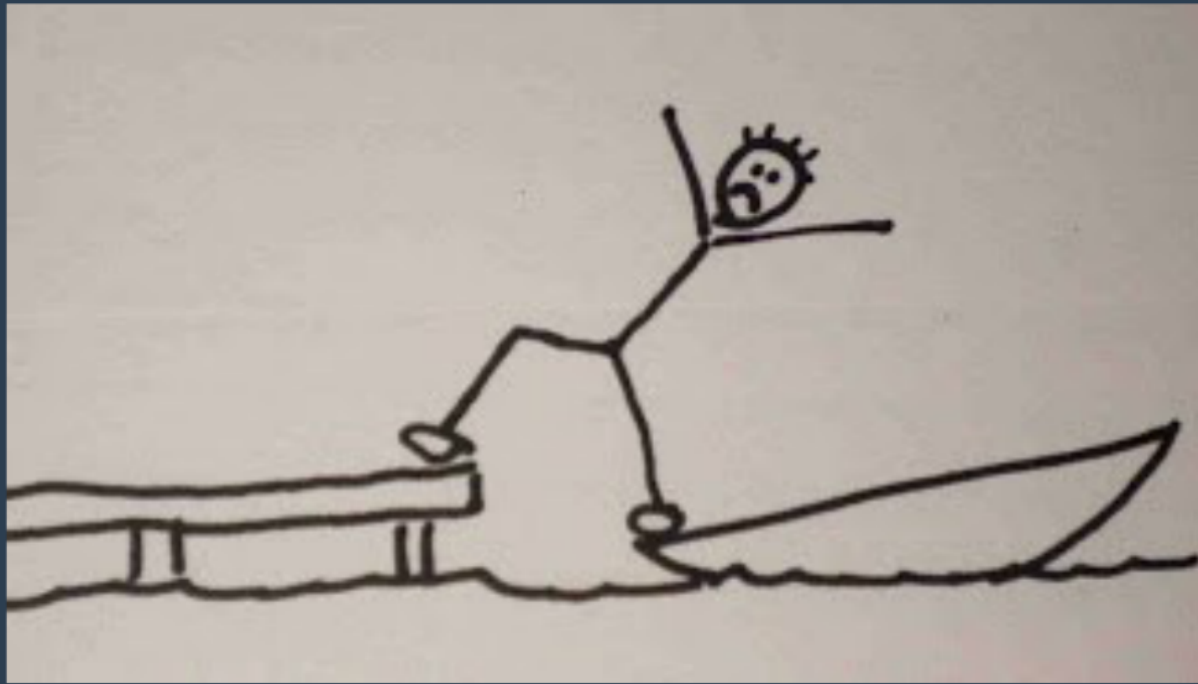


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A lot of people
are afraid of
heights.

Not me, I'm
afraid of
widths.

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Biology:

Separating objects split your legs in two

Substance:

Can't have two Masters

Worldliness tears our heart in two

The Kingdom of God:

Worldliness splits your mind in two.



Context: A New Set of Teachers for the Kingdom

3:1-4:44 Introduction of Jesus as Son of God



5:1-6:16 Jesus calls his disciples and conflicts with Pharisees
Who speaks for God's Kingdom?



6:17-46 Jesus clarifies the Kingdom Message to its new learners (disciples) and teachers (apostles)

The truth of the kingdom of God cannot
be understood in worldly terms.

The first 2 go together:

1. The Despised are blessed
2. The Loved may be cursed

Luke 6:20-23

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you **who hunger** now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who **weep now**, for you will laugh. Blessed are you **when men hate you**, when they **exclude you** and **insult you** and **reject your name as evil**, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven.

Hebrews 11:32-40

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.

Luke 6:24-26

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.

3. Enemies are Proper Objects of Love

Luke 6:27-33

But I tell you who hear me: **Love** your enemies, **do good** to those who hate you, **bless** those who curse you, **pray for** those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. **Do to others as you would have them do to you.** "If you **love** those who **love** you, what *credit* is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you **do good** to those who are good to you, what *credit* is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that.

Matthew 5:43

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'"

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4. Lending is about Helping.

Luke 6:34-36

And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

5. Mercy and Forgiveness produce righteousness (not judgment)

Luke 6:37-42

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Liberal half truth: Peace comes by lowering or relativizing expectations.

He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."

Conservative half truth: wickedness in others must be cut out and removed or it spreads. (Truth: you're already infected)

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Dealing with the sin of others in a kingdom way:

1. We are prone to hypocrisy
2. Test yourself and see your own blindness and sin
3. Offer mercy* rather than condemnation and judgment
4. Seek forgiveness and offer pardon in response to repentance
5. Then help your brother for their good

*mercy assumes the presence of moral truth, otherwise it wouldn't be necessary

6. Your Actions and Words *are* the Real You

Luke 6:43-45

"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

7. Obedience is depth and strength.

Luke 6:46-49

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete."