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Parables

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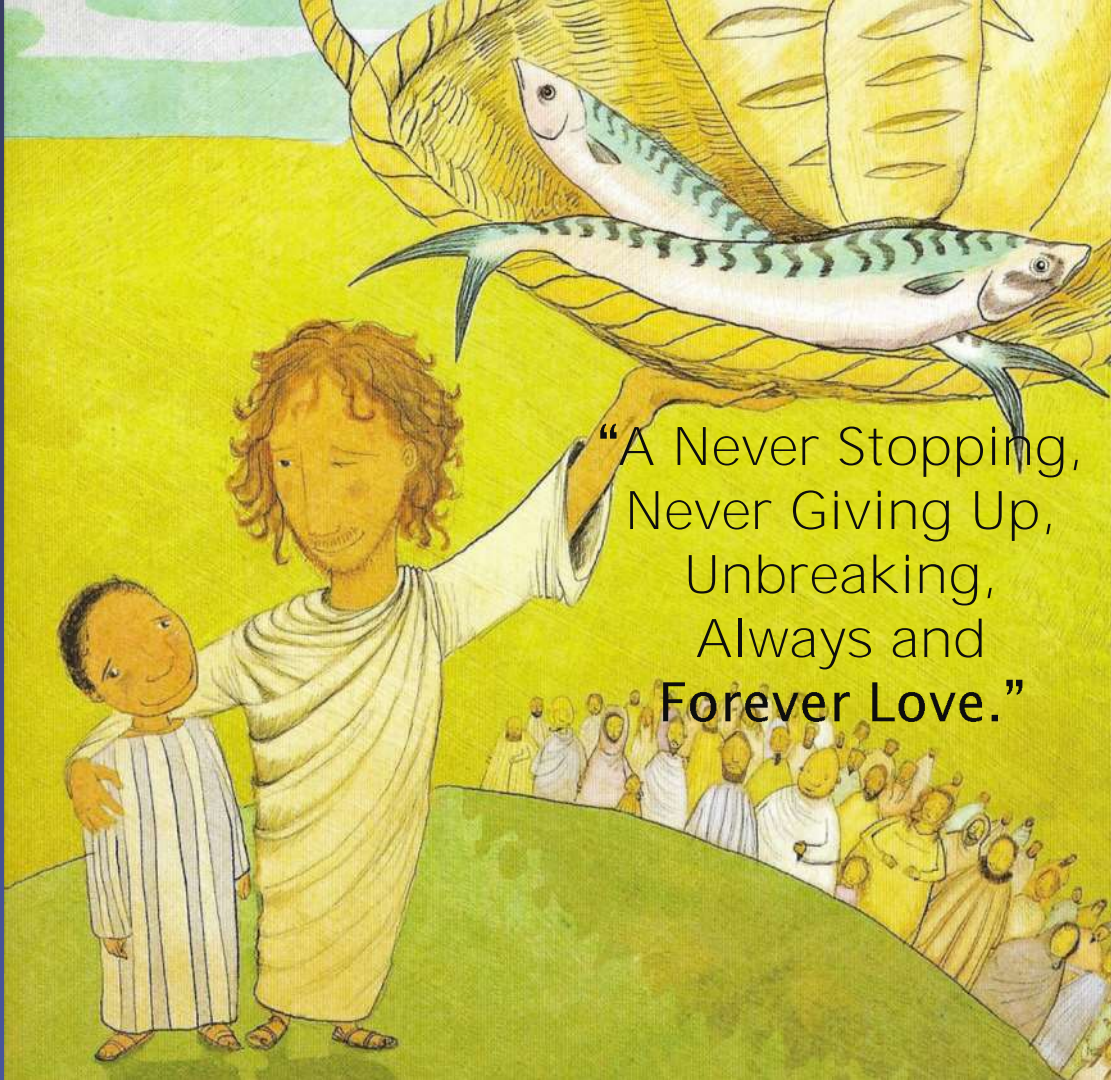
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“A Never Stopping,
Never Giving Up,
Unbreaking,
Always and
Forever Love.”

Parables?

- What is a parable?
- Why does Jesus speak in parables?
- How do parables work?

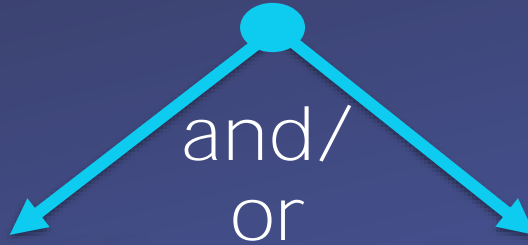
What is a parable?

- Greek word = “para-bole” meaning “to throw down alongside” (a comparison)
- Story-analogies intended to engage, reflect, then act
- Imagery from everyday life
- Not unique to Jesus

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The God of
the Kingdom

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- Characteristics
 - Gift, already/not yet, Holy Spirit, forgiveness, etc
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 - Mark 4:13
 - Luke 18:34

9 And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;

keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.”

Isaiah 6:9-10 (ESV)

In The Sower

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13 This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Matt 13:13

In The Sower

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10 he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’”

Luke 8:10

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How Do Parables Work?



usual

unexpected

unsettled

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Christ Pantocrator (“**Almighty**”)
Hagia Sophia, Istanbul, Turkey, 13th Century