# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## Breaking the soil - Part 3
## Cost of the status quo

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### Introduction

Risk makes many people uncomfortable, but as followers of Christ, how should we approach it? Jesus' Parable of the Talents is a story about servants who are entrusted with their master's wealth. Two of them take risks by investing the money and are rewarded, while another buries the talent out of fear and faces punishment. This parable challenges us to think about how we handle the resources, opportunities, and time that God has entrusted to us. Our fruitfulness is in God's hands; our faithfulness is our responsibility. Success in God's eyes is not measured by worldly achievements but by obedience. Jesus wants us to share in His joy through faithful stewardship of what we've been given.

### Read

Matthew 25:14-30

### Discuss

1. What does 'risk' mean to you? How do you usually respond to risky situations?

2. In the Parable of the Talents, why do you think the third servant was afraid to take a risk with his talent?

3. What does it mean to be faithful with what God has entrusted to you? Can you think of a time when you struggled with this?

4. Why do you think Jesus connects faithfulness with joy in Matthew 25:21? How can being faithful bring joy into our lives?

5. How does faith in Jesus require us to take risks? Because of your obedience to Jesus, have you ever had to venture outside of your comfort zone? Share.

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6. How can we trust God more when it comes to taking healthy risks? In what areas of your life is God calling you to take a step of obedience right now? What is holding you back from saying 'yes' to Him?

**Respond**

Taking risks for God's Kingdom is part of our journey of faith, and there is joy in trusting Him, even in the unknown. Choose one area of your life where God is calling you to take a step of faith. Whether big or small, one act of obedience can lead to deeper faith and greater joy in Christ.

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