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Recap of message (9/20/20 – Joe Ricchuiti – Luke 19:11-27):

1. The parable of the minas (Luke 19:11-27) deals with the time period between Jesus' first and second comings. In four great lessons of life (see #3) it lays out the priorities and responsibilities of believers for this church age and invites each of us as believers to see ourselves in the mirror of Scripture and evaluate our spiritual progress.
2. According to one author: "The [mina] represents the opportunity for service given each of [Jesus'] disciples." (Gray)
3. Jesus taught four lessons of life in this parable:
 - God has made an investment in us. He has given us gifts, abilities, opportunities, time and resources to be used for Him. We are to bear fruit.
 - God will hold us accountable for the way we use these things. Jesus' return will be a time of reward or loss of rewards for believers; and a time of judgment for unbelievers.
 - Faithfulness is the standard by which God will judge us. Faithfulness is the key to fruitfulness and success.
 - This life is training for service in the Millennium Kingdom and in eternity.
4. There is always something which every servant of Christ can do for Him. There is never any real excuse for idleness and inactivity and failure to achieve something in the cause of Christ. the [mina] was taken from the unfaithful servant and given to him who had secured the ten [minas], because our Lord wished to illustrate the truth that with our opportunities and privileges and gifts, the principle, use or lose, always applies." (Erdman)
5. "Of the many things heaven will be, it will not be boring....it will be a time of ever-expanding and increasingly joyous service, and the saints who then will serve the most and rejoice the most will be those who have served the Lord most steadfastly while on earth." (MacArthur)
6. "For all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest ones these: 'It might have been!'" (John Greenleaf Whittier)