

THE GREATEST STORY EVER *Retold*

Week Four: *Planks, Specks, Pearls, and Pigs Part 2*

TODAY'S VERSES:

Matthew 7:6
Matthew 7:1-6
Psalm 1:3
Matthew 6:31
Romans 3:23
Romans 14:13

UPCOMING:

Parking Lot Picnic *Weather Permitting*

Join us 2/7 from 11:30-1 for a picnic in the Parking Lot with your church family. Bring your family, lunch, blanket and lawn chairs.

Upcoming Journey Guide Distribution

Our upcoming series, beginning 2/14, will have a corresponding Journey Guide. You may get your guide by:

-Attending our Parking Lot Picnic 2/7

-Drive Thru pick up off of Bethany Ln 2/7 from 11:30a-1p

-Office pick up the week of 2/8-2/12

-Local delivery and shipping are also available by request to connect@ourelement.org

Royal Family Kids Valentine's Day Cards

Those helping make or buy cards for foster kids in RFK's program, please contact justine.cassaro@ourelement.org by February 6th.

BIG IDEA:

We are called to be a people who entrust not only ourselves, but others into God's care. When we cease to trust God to take care of us (what we eat, drink and wear), we will naturally not trust others to His care and fall very easily into judging. We must trust that God holds all things and then be willing to speak His pearls when it is appropriate.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

When have others given you their pearls and you have ignored them?

What was rejected and what did they do afterwards?

When have you given other people your pearls and they have ignored them?

What was rejected and what did you do afterwards?

What has your understanding of this verse (throwing pearls to pigs) been before today?

In what ways have you not entrusted yourself to God?

In what ways have you not entrusted others to God?

Where do you struggle with doing both of these right now?

How does lack of entrusting others to God lead to a core of wanting to control others?

How do we know when someone is non-receptive to truth, wisdom, or the Gospel?

Why do so many people try to force wisdom on non-receptive people?

What can/should be done instead?

If you are a parent, how can you relate to Tony Dungy and his son in the breakfast story?

In what areas do you need to ask God to help you see what God sees when you look at a person?

This week, what specific areas (or in what relationships) do you need to stop judging, condemning, or comparing?

How can a community help you accomplish that this week?

Who do you need to be praying for specifically this week?

Pray for one-another this week about these areas.