



**August 1/2, 2020**  
**ESSENTIAL STORIES**  
***Investing the Deposit***  
Matthew 25:14-30  
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*(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)*

*It's not my own, it's all on loan.*

God's **gracious deposit** demands my **intentional investment**.

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—  
13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed  
by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has  
built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he  
will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (1 Corinthians 3:12-15)

**Faithful**, not **productive**.

**Delight**, not **drudgery**.

Faithfulness → Participation → Joy

**Influence**, not **safety**.

What you believe **about God** always shapes the way you **live with God**.

1. *Assess what you have, don't lament what you lack.*
2. *Reject fear and laziness and do something.*
3. *Trust that God will use your life to make much of his name.*