

# The Year Of Following Jesus #93 A Field, A Pearl & A Mustard Seed

October 2, 2023

*Welcome Home!*  
*Thanks for joining us today*

**October 7 & 8, 2023**

Greater

**Welcome**

Holy Forever

Who You Say I Am

**Lord's Supper Thought**

I Speak Jesus

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus #93**

**A Field, a Pearl, and a Mustard Seed — Pastor  
Ed**



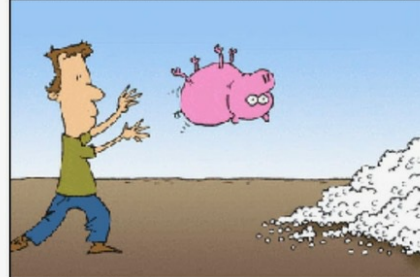
## **Good Stuff To Know**

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs -** Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.

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See Matthew 13:

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IN AN EFFORT TO CHANGE THINGS UP, HE  
THREW HIS SWINE BEFORE PEARLS

### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➔ Sunday potluck
- ➔ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➔ Thrive Thursday
- ➔ Ladies Craft Day Saturday
- ➔ Service project: Bring Candy for the Harvest Festival

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Website: [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**Service Project-** The October service project is the Harvest Festival 10/22 from 2-4pm. We need lots of candy!

**Riverside Potluck** - October 8th after the 2nd service. Bring a dish to share.

**Costume Walk** - Join us at 4 pm at ERNC on Thursday October 19 for a Kids/ Family Friendly Costume Hike (We will wait until 4:10 before starting our hike) .Contact Abby/check the bulletin board for details.

**Young Adults Group** - Alive is back online with a Bible add devotional. Text Cassie for details.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, October 14th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Warriors in Christ** - Meeting October 16th. See Nate for details.

**Men's Breakfast** - Saturday, October 21st. Show up at 8:30 if you want to help cook. Breakfast is at 9:00. See Hank for details.

**Men's Prayer Group** - Currently discussing "Praying in God's Word." Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)

**Write to our missionaries-** See the bulletin board for more info. Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, October 9th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.

For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?

See Cassie.



**Thursday, October 12th, 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.

Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.

To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!



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Following

# The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #93

## A Field, A Pearl & A Mustard Seed

*The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!*

—Matthew 13:44-46 (NLT)

### These Parables Teach Us That...

#### 1. The Kingdom Costs Everything.

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—Matthew 13:44 (NLT)

- *Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!*

—Matthew 13:45-46 (NLT)

- *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.*

—Matthew 16:24-25 (NLT)

#### 2. But You're Not Left With Nothing.



- *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"*

—Matthew 16:24-26 (NLT)

- *Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."*

—Mark 4:30 (NLT)



### 3. The Kingdom Is About Reflection & Reflecting.

- *Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.*

—Joshua 1:7-8 (NLT)

- *But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling*

*yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.*

*—James 1:22-24 (NLT)*

- *But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.*

*—James 1:25 (NLT)*

- *And all of us... can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.*

*—2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NLT)*

## **Follow Through Step:**

Reflect on what it means to “give everything” for the Kingdom of God?  
Am I doing it? How perfect does one have to be at giving everything?  
What happens if I discover I've held something back?