



# What if ... He meant it

*Three thoughts from Jesus about His work and my heart.*

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## What if He meant it?

“...you will surely be rewarded”

“And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.” Matthew 10:42 (NLT)

- He was helping us understand in the kingdom of God that it’s about the longview of eternity.
- In the kingdom of God, we are rewarded not with SALVATION but FOR our acts of servicing others on behalf of Jesus.
- The kingdom of God is clear and simple. It’s motivated by God’s HEART’S DESIRE.

## This makes clear:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)

- God’s eye is on - “whoever”
- God’s motivation - His “Love” for the “whoever”
- He wants NONE to “perish.”

NOT complicated. God is UNDETERRED following His HEART’S DESIRE.

JESUS teaches and challenges ME to FOLLOW HIM in HIS PURSUIT with TIME, TALENT and TREASURE.

## Something does STAND in MY way...

“...they still didn’t understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in.” Mark 6:52 (NLT)

- Others are supposed to give, not me. Someone else has that covered.

**Text:** 4 Soils - Mark 4: 1-20 (NLT)

1.Path                      2.Rocky    3.Thorns and Thistles                      4.Good Soil

## Challenge:

**Thinking** - I decide to offer my time, talents and treasures as I follow God in His pursuit of the “whoever”.

**Doing** - I will take inventory this week and determine WHAT I will give of my time, talents and treasure to follow God’s pursuit of the “whoever,” God’s HEART’S desire.