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## **DEEP THOUGHTS FROM A GUY STUCK AT HOME:**

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to try just one more time." - Thomas Edison

"I have not failed. I've jut found I0,000 ways that won't work." - Thomas Edison (who has I,093 patents to his name)

## **BIBLE VERSES REFERENCED DURING SERMON:**

Matthew 25:14-30

James 3:2

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Proverbs 24:16

I Peter 5:6

Proverbs 16:18

James 4:6

I Peter 5:5

Proverbs II:2

Proverbs 15:33

Romans 8:28

Hebrews II:6

I Corinthians 13:7-8

2 Samuel 12:1-14

Psalm 51

## **BIBLE STUDY:**

- · Read Matthew 25:14-30
- · How many servants were there?
- · How was the money distributed?
- · What did each servant do with his money?
- · What did the master days to the servant with five talents? Two talents? One talent?
- · Read 2 Samuel 12:1-14
- · Nathan confronts David over the incident with Bathsheba (2 Samuel II:I-27)·

What did David do when he was confronted with his failure by Nathan?

- · Were there consequences for David's actions? (2 Samuel 12:10-15)
- · David wrote Psalm 5I after his failure with Bathsheba, take a moment read it, how does this Psalm speak to you?

Look at verses 16 and 17, what do they say?



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## **PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

·Pastor Rick led off his sermon with the following questions, how would you answer them?

Do you worry about failure?

Do you worry about what people will think of you?

Do you worry about pleasing people (added by me)?

Do you worry that people will not think you are smart or competent?

Do you ever get headaches, stomach aches or other physical struggles before something important?

Do you procrastinate, put things off?

·Pastor Rick talked about the parable told by Jesus and the three servants. Taking that parable (Matthew 25:14-30) and adding a little self-reflection, what has Jesus giving you in your life?

What have you done with what Jesus has given you?

What are some things you could do with what Jesus has given you?

· Pastor Rick said, "If you don't take any risks in life, you don't need any faith."

Does this apply to everything in life? Are there different kinds of risk, what are some unnecessary risks?

What do you think of Pastor Rick's statement?

- · Why is this clarification from Pastor Rick important, "If you're not taking any risks in your life for the benefit of other people, for the glory of God, you're not taking any risks, then you don't need any faith."?
- · How does the statement, "We will fail" make you feel? How can this be a positive statement?
- · Why does the fear of failure cripple our lives?
- · How does Pastor Rick's statement, "We were saved for a relationship with God. When we stumble, His grace is sufficient." Make you feel?
- · Why does failure promote humility?
- · What did Pastor Rick say was the greatest failure?
- · Some of us have had some serious failures in our lives, do you believe that God is bigger than these failures?
- · Why is it important for Christians to share their failures?
- · Is love behind the motivation for what you do and the decisions you make?