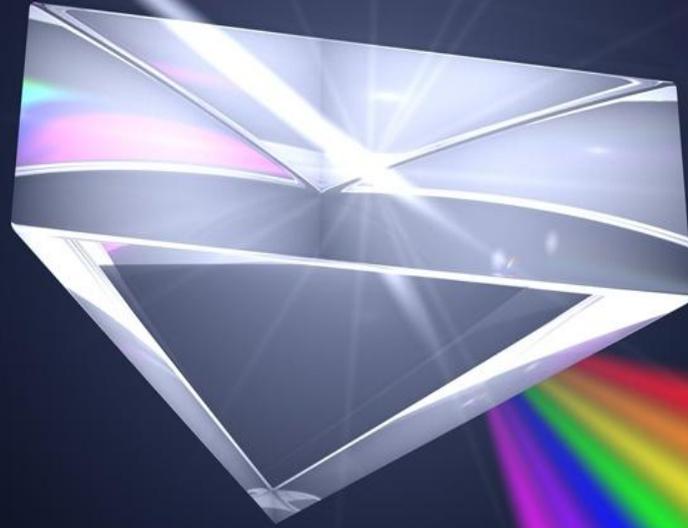


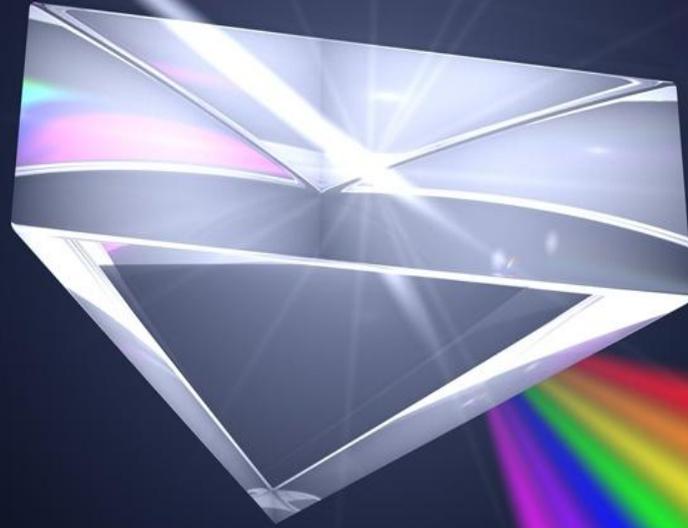


Living by His Word

*Finding the right path means
having the right map*



The Parables
OF JESUS CHRIST



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An earthly story that
reveals a spiritual truth

This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.

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“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps.

The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

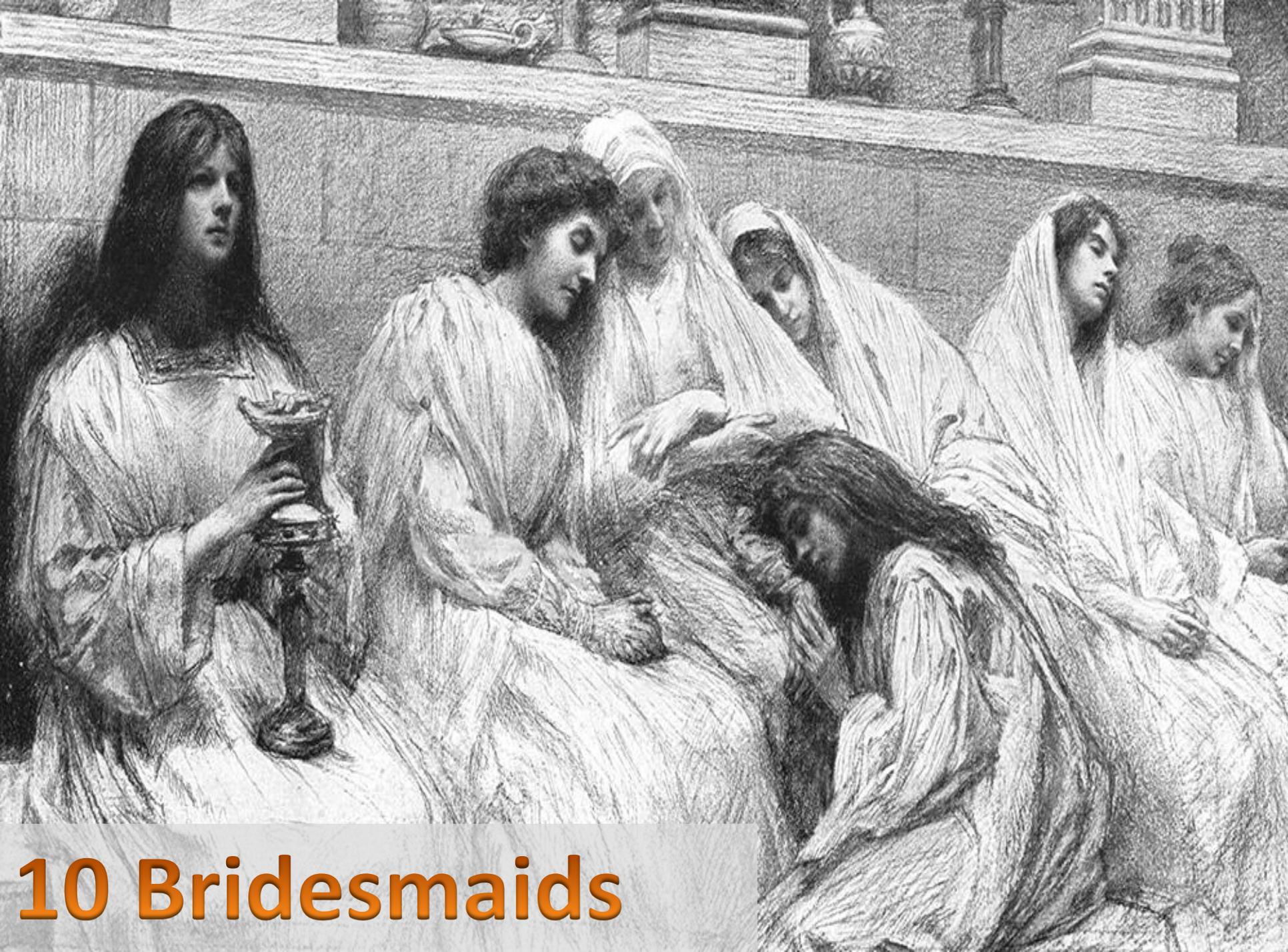
“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

“***Therefore*** keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

Matthew 25:1-13



10 Bridesmaids

Life in the Kingdom

Longing

The Parable asks
“Will You Be Ready?”

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Our Human Condition:

“Make sure that you don’t get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing!” Romans 13:11-12 (Msg)

10 Bridesmaids

Both were expecting the Bridegroom

Both knew what was expected of them

Both were tested by time and circumstances

Oil is the source of the light.

It is **DESIRE** converted into action,

It is **WISDOM** obtained from truth,

It is **CONFIDENCE** found in trials.

It is **FAITH** in Christ.

WHY WOULD ANYONE RUN OUT OF OIL?

Oil is COSTLY

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23

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WHY WOULD ANYONE RUN OUT OF OIL?

Oil is COSTLY

Oil is CONSUMED

“Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved” Matt 24:12-13

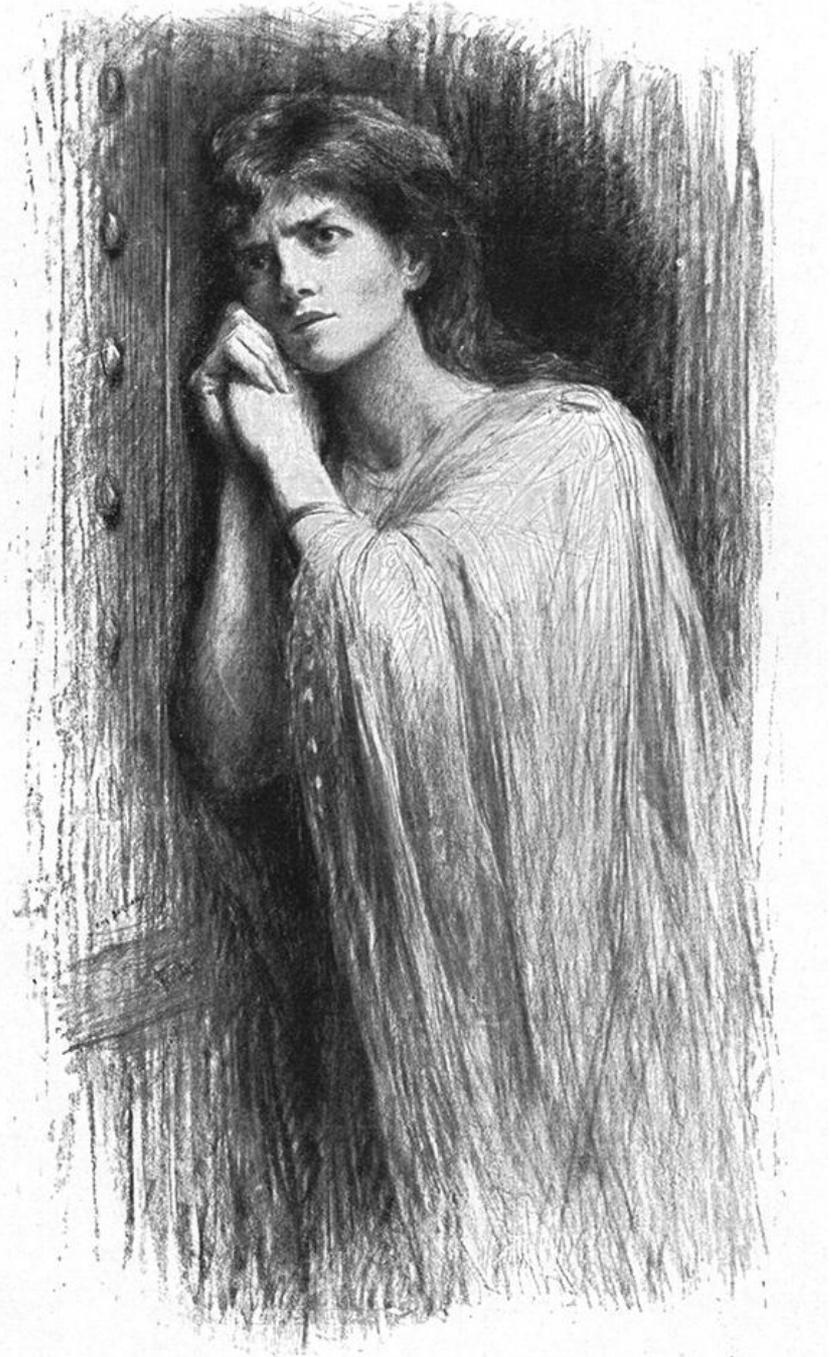
WHY WOULD ANYONE RUN OUT OF OIL?

Oil is COSTLY

Oil is CONSUMED

Oil is COMMON

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” Matt. 16:26



I never knew you...