

Marinating in God's Word: Matthew 21:28-32

- The number 40 in the Jewish and Christian mindset usually reflected a period of probation, trial, or chastisement. Reflect on some of the “40’s” you remember in the Bible and what they mean. Do you find application for you (or us) in this 40 days of Lent as we travel to the cross with Jesus?
- Have you ever “changed your mind?” Did you “change your mind” all by yourself or did The Holy Spirit have a hand in your “change”? Would you classify your “change” as “repentance”?
- Which son are you most like? But, how are you like both sons? Which son is St. Giles like and how?
- How have you struggled with God's will in your life? How did you say “no” to God early or at the outset of your faith journey? How have you said “no” in a latter stage of your faith journey (after you said “yes” in an earlier stage of your faith with Christ Jesus)?
- During this 40 Days of Lenten reflection, is there something The Holy Spirit wants you to struggle with in your life; something God wants to resolve in your faith walk; something you are struggling with already that you have been avoiding or trying to hide; something in the way of making faith expression a priority in the way you have been living?

Next week our focus will be Matthew 16:13-20.