



# Justapreacher Ministries

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. — 2 Timothy 4:2

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## The Heart of the Father

As Jim continues to bring the messages God lays on his heart, people are being blessed. It is wonderful to see that where God is working in Jim's life, He is also using that shaping to help others along. Two weeks ago, Jim spoke at Friendship Baptist Church in Live Oak, Florida for their 136th Annual Homecoming. He preached about the parable of the talents, and focused on the last servant, and how he buried his talent in the ground. Jim looked at how this servant did not really know the heart of the Master. The servant said this to the Master upon his return. "I knew that

you are a hard man...So I was afraid...and hid your talent in the ground." Matt. 25:24,25.

He saw the Master as a hard man to please. In this parable, the master is God the Father. Many of His servants do not truly know His heart. We, too, believe Him to be a hard man: sometimes we feel (like the third servant), as if we do all the work for His kingdom, and He takes the credit. We wear ourselves out trying to please Him, or we cower in fear, afraid we will mess up. We really need to understand God's heart: that He loves us unconditionally, and that He

looks at us and sees us through His Son, Jesus. We need to know that HE wants to provide the increase. Our job is truly just to abide in Him. We do not have to DO anything to earn His favor.

Understanding this truth had a great freeing effect on many at Friendship Baptist Church. What about you? Are you still trying to work for God's acceptance? Meditate on Galatians 3:3- "After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?" Let God encourage you with His love and grace today. Remember, His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 18 and Wednesday, May 21 Jim will be preaching at Victory Life Wesleyan Church in Merritt Island, FL. He will be teaching some of the principles as this body of believers prays about a possible merge and move with another church.

On the 23rd & 24th of May, our family will be attending the FPEA Convention for home school families in Or-

lando. We are excited about the possibilities God is opening to us as we embark on the adventure of home schooling.

May 4-7 Jim preached a revival at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Lake City. God in His sovereignty truly brought revival in the hearts of the people there. They immediately asked Jim to come back on Sunday, May 25.

Jim and the whole family will drive directly there from the convention.

On June 1, Jim is preaching for Tony Kessinger in his Sunday School class at First Baptist, Melbourne, FL. Soon after, the whole family goes to Arkansas for Becky's grandmother's 90th birthday party.

On June 22 through 25, Jim will preach a Call to Revival at the Orchard Church in Lake City, FL.

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## Prayer Requests

### Please Pray For...

- God to continue to provide more opportunities to preach as He wills.
- The churches Jim will speak to in the coming months.
- Our family as we get ready to begin home schooling in the fall.
- Safety in travel for Jim and the family.
- Trip to New Hampshire in August to preach at Alton Bay Christian Conference Center and two churches up there.

## Thank You!

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