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Keeping Up With Jesus

Luke 5:33-39

Series: Joining Jesus on His Mission

Central Passage

Luke 5:36–39 (ESV) — **36** He also told them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. **37** And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. **38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39** And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says, 'The old is good.'" (See also, Matthew 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22).

Central Thought: As we join Jesus on his mission, he will regularly lead us beyond our com religious, and often self-affirming, personal expectations of what God is like and how he operates in this world.

Isaiah 55:6–9 (ESV) — **6** "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; **7** let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. **8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. 9** For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Luke 9:23–25 (ESV) — **23** And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. **24** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. **25** For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?"

Cannot Keep You
Michael Gungor

They tried to keep you in a tent. They could not keep you in a temple
Or any of their idols, to see and understand.
We cannot keep you in a church. We cannot keep you in a Bible.
Or it's just another idol to box you in.

They could not keep you in their walls. We cannot keep you in ours either
For you are so much greater.

Who is like the Lord? The maker of the heavens, who dwells with the poor
He lifts them from the ashes, and He seats them among princess.
Who is like the Lord?

We've tried to keep you in our tents. We've tried to keep you in our temples
We've worshiped all our idols. We want all that to end.

So we will find you in the streets. And we will find you in the prisons.
And even in our Bibles, and churches.

Who is like the Lord, the maker of the heavens?
Who dwells with the poor.
He lifts them from the ashes, and He seats them among princes.
Who is like the Lord?

We cannot contain, cannot contain the glory of your name.
We cannot contain, cannot contain the glory of your name.
We cannot contain, cannot contain the glory of your name.

Who is like the Lord?
You took me from the ashes, and you healed me from my blindness
Who is like the Lord?

Homework/Questions

- ❖ Read the "See also" passages above.
- ❖ Prayerfully reflect on where you might be trying to fit Jesus into your plan, instead of being faithful to follow and trust him.