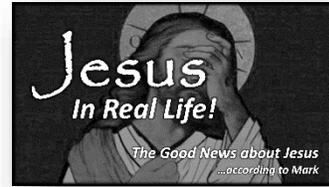




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**“THE GOOSE or the GOLD?”**  
*Celebrating the Blesser!*  
MARK 2:18-22

- *Fasting*
- *The Jewish Wedding*
- *Patches and Wineskins*

*“When we obsess over \_\_\_\_\_,  
we can forget the \_\_\_\_\_.”*

- *“The Goose & the Golden Egg” -Aesop PROVERBS 30:7-9*

*To Celebrate the Blesser...*

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1. **BE** \_\_\_\_\_ *with HIS* \_\_\_\_\_ ISAIAH 55:8, 9; COLOSSIANS 3:1-3

*“We’ve \_\_\_\_\_ done it that way before.”*

*People set in their ways are \_\_\_\_\_ for God to use.*

*To Celebrate the Blesser...*

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2. **BE** \_\_\_\_\_ *to HIS* \_\_\_\_\_ ISAIAH 55:10, 11; MATTHEW 7:24

*While God’s ways \_\_\_\_\_ change,  
God’s words \_\_\_\_\_ change.*

*To Celebrate the Blesser...*

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3. **BUILD** \_\_\_\_\_ *on HIS* \_\_\_\_\_ JAMES 1:2, 3

*There must first be a \_\_\_\_\_  
if we are to experience His \_\_\_\_\_.*

- *Better than Gold* 1 PETER 1:7

**LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES**  
**“THE GOOSE or the GOLD?”**  
*Celebrating the Blessor!*

**GETTING STARTED** *“In your opinion...”*

1. Sunday’s sermon focused on celebrating the One who blesses more than the blessing. Of anything you remember, was anything helpful, unsettling, or questionable?
2. With so many blessings from God, how do we take Him for granted and get distracted from celebrating Him, the Blessor? Don’t you think it would be the other way around? Explain.
3. Do we like to observe rituals and traditions of faith? What keeps us from experiencing our own miraculous provisions from God, and consequently, develop meaningful traditions?
4. In what ways has God provided for you lately? What problems are you facing that you are waiting for God to provide?

**GOING DEEPER** *“According to the Bible...”*

*Answer the following questions from what the Bible says in the suggested reading*

- **Read Matthew 18:21-35. What blessing did the king’s servant receive? In what way did he dishonor the king after receiving that blessing? How could he do this?**
- **Jesus brought in new ways for His followers to embrace (*new patch, new wine*). Read the following verses and answer, “*What is ‘new’?*”, and “*How difficult might this be to adjust to as a follower of Jesus?*”**
  - **1 Corinthians 5:17**
  - **John 13:34**
  - **Luke 22:20**
  - **Colossians 3:10, 11**
  - **Galatians 6:15**
  - **2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:5**
- **Read 1 John 3:17, 18. What are we instructed to do with the material blessings that we have?**

**LIVING OUT**

- **As life changes, how can you be more intentional about celebrating the Blessor as you enjoy His blessings?**