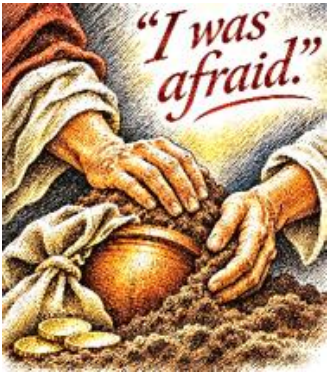
“WHAT FEAR BURIES”

Proverbs 31:10–13, 16–18, 20, 26, 28–31 • Psalm 128 • 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 • Matthew 25:14–30



In the parable of the talents, one servant buries what has been entrusted to him. He does not steal it or squander it. He simply hides it, afraid of what might happen if he takes a risk.

Fear can make doing nothing seem like the safest and most responsible choice. Yet Jesus asks us to see that gifts are given to be used. Faithfulness is not the same as keeping everything untouched. Not everyone has the same abilities, opportunities, or strength. The Gospel does not ask us to compete or produce identical results. It asks whether we will allow fear to have the final word.

A kindness left unspoken, an ability never offered, a reconciliation endlessly postponed—these are ways we can bury what God has placed in our hands. Grace grows when it is shared, even imperfectly. The real loss is not that we might fail; it is that fear might keep us from trying.

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