

# Believe

Matthew 21:32

## Faith

- Biblical faith is an active trust in the person of God.
- My trust in God changes the way I live.

## Are you open?

- chief priests and elders
  - “By what authority are you doing these things?”
  - “Who gave you this authority?”
- They are trying to trap him.

## Are you open?

- I will also ask you one question.
  - If you answer me, I will tell you...
- John’s baptism
  - Where did it come from?
    - heaven or men

## Are you open?

- They discussed it
  - If we say, ‘From heaven,’
    - he will ask, “why didn’t you believe?”
  - If we say, ‘From men’
    - we are afraid of the people

## Are you open?

- So they answered Jesus,
  - “We don’t know.”
- They were not honest.
- Their question for Jesus was not sincere.
- They were shut off to the truth about Jesus.

## Will you receive?

- What do you think?
  - a man who had two sons
    - first
      - Son, go and work today in the vineyard

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- 'I will not,' he answered
  - but later he changed his mind and went
    - "repent"
    - "regret, be very sorry,"

## Will you receive?

- After an initial rejection,
  - the first son obeyed.

## Will you reject?

- the father went to the other son
  - He answered,
    - 'I will, sir,'
      - but he did not go

## Will you reject?

- The second son answered in pretense, and ultimately disobeyed.
  - "a false display of feelings, attitudes, or intentions"

## Will you reject?

- Which of the two did what his father wanted?
- the first

## Will you reject?

- I tell you the truth
  - the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you

## Will you reject?

- John came to show you a way of righteousness
  - you did not believe him
    - but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did

## Will you reject?

- Even after you saw this,
  - you did not repent and believe him.

## Will you reject?

- Even after you saw this,
  - you did not repent and believe him.
- They saw God at work and did not receive him.

## Believe

- Are you truly open to the work of God in your life?
- Will you come to God in pretense, but ultimately reject him?
- Will you receive him and enter into his kingdom?