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**THAT'S NOT
FAIR!**

CONTEXT:

Rich, young ruler who would not give up his wealth

Peter- "We've left all to follow you!
What is there for us?"

Jesus tells a story to remind us
the kingdom of God does not
operate on what we earn.

It operates on

GRACE



“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

MATTHEW 20:1-2



³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

MATTHEW 20:3-5



⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' ⁷ "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

MATTHEW 20:6-7



⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' ⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.

MATTHEW 20:8-9



¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

MATTHEW 20:10-12



¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MATTHEW 20:13-16



THE MAIN POINT:

GRACE ISN'T FAIR

The unfairness of grace is good news for us

GARAGE

REMOVES PRIDE

+ HUMBLES US

PRIDE SHIFTS OUR FOCUS
FROM WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN
TO WHAT WE THINK WE'VE EARNED



GRACE

REMOVES COMPARISON

+ LEADS TO GRATITUDE & CELEBRATION!

GRATITUDE DOESN'T STOP WITH OUR OWN STORY

It moves us to celebrate the other person's story of receiving grace

It motivates us to keep helping others find and follow Jesus