



## Message Map – October 12, 2020

1 Timothy 6:17-19

(Luke 15:11-32)

“Break Free”

A healthy disciple seeks to live life wisely and well. She recognizes that all she has, has been given to her by God; he realizes that heaven, not earth, is his home; she lives not for the “dot” (life on earth), but for the “line” (eternity); he understands that joyful giving is the only antidote to materialism; they have learned that God prospers and blesses us not to raise our standard of living, but lift our standard of giving (see [The Treasure Principle](#), by Randy Alcorn). A healthy disciple has come to believe that she is here on earth to serve a higher purpose – yes, he enjoys what good comes from God's hand, but knows that the best is yet to be. They – we – learn that higher purpose by comprehending the purpose Christ came to fulfill. Take the “Clean-Out Challenge” and keep track of the number of spaces cleared, no matter how big or small, from drawers to closets. Share with [jim@leesburgumc.org](mailto:jim@leesburgumc.org).

**Monday 10/12** [Matthew 10:9-10](#) – Jesus urged his followers not to take extra stuff with them on their mission. Sometimes *our* stuff gets in the way of serving. This week, let's clean out some of the stuff that clutters our lives... our “Clean-Out Challenge” continues each day... Today: ***Clean Out your refrigerator*** of anything that is out of date.

**Tuesday 10/13** [John 6:38](#) – Do you wonder that Jesus may have struggled at times to know his purpose? Underlying this struggle was a conviction that whatever his purpose, it was not *his* purpose, but God's. Take some time to reflect on God's purpose for your life.

***Clean Out a drawer.*** Throw away. Recycle. Donate.

**Wednesday 10/14** [John 10:10](#) – “Abundant' life”; “Life to the full” ... how do you picture your life in Christ? Where do you see signs of “abundance”? If Jesus came to help others “have life, and have it to the full”, what do you think that implies for those who claim to be his followers? In what ways do you/might you consciously seek to help others have “life”?

***Clean Out a cabinet***–in the kitchen or bathroom or study. Throw away. Recycle. Donate.

**Thursday 10/15** [Mark 10:45](#) – This verse, repeated in Matthew 20:28 and reflected in Luke 12:37, 22:27, and John 13:13-16, reminds us that at the heart of discipleship is service. Serving takes our focus off of self and takes us out of ourselves. Plan to be purposeful in serving others – not just in big ways, but also the “little” ways, like simply listening. ***Clean Out a pantry shelf or two.*** Discard out of date food.

**Friday 10/16** [Luke 19:10](#) – Jesus' awareness of his life-purpose comes into sharper focus here. Take some time to reflect on that word, “lost”. To whom was Jesus referring? What does it mean to be lost today? How do you feel when you lose something valuable? Or someone? ***Clean Out the center console, or glove box in your car.***

**Saturday 10/17** [John 18:37](#) – Ever wonder what helped Jesus stand up under his trial? Was it simple stoic resolve? Or, was it something deeper? As you live God's purpose for your life, how do/might you “testify to the truth”? Hint: it begins with listening... ***Take stock of the areas you have cleared out. Share with Pastor Jim the # of spaces.***

Next week's Clean-Out Challenge – clothes, toys, larger items to donate.

On Saturday, 10/24, plan to bring your excess stuff to the Blossom and Bloom parking lot.

Pray for and look for opportunities to invite others to share in our worship, whether online or in person.