Welcome

God of Fun series – week 1: God Created Fun

Last week: God’s commands are not heavy – God commands fun

Also last week: Your Perception is Your Reality

This week I want to teach a new vocab word:

Fungible - able to replace or be replaced by another identical item; mutually interchangeable

story

**Reality is Fungible**

Clothes pins - fs

**Change Your Reality**

\*take off suit\*

How someone looks

How do you picture Jesus?

**Jesus Laughing Picture**

Jesus laughed

**Jesus is a Fun Guy**

Jesus put the fun in “fungible”

He changed people’s realities all the time – still does

Took fishermen and made them fish for men

Scruffy dudes and tax collectors became His disciples

The hated and the outcast became beloved of God

New names

Water to wine

Wine and bread became flesh and blood

The King of all Creation became a servant

Speaking of water to wine – Jesus was a fun guy to have at parties

Accused of being a glutton and a drunk

People wanted him at their parties and he went to the rowdiest ones

Jesus wanted everyone included

\*call Sean\*

Jesus wanted everyone included

**LUKE 5:29 NIV** Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them.

**LUKE 5:30 NIV** But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

**LUKE 5:31 NIV** Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

**LUKE 5:32 NIV** I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Sick burn.

**Jesus Is A Funny Guy**. If that’s not your perception then you need to change your reality.

Jesus laughed

Jesus told jokes!

Nathaniel – John 1

Boanerges – Luke 9:54

Matthew 23:24 You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.

Matthew 11:7-8 As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces.

You give them something to eat

Jesus even told jokes in his sermons

**LUKE 6:37 NIV** “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

**LUKE 6:38 NIV** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

**LUKE 6:39 NIV** He also told them this parable: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?

**LUKE 6:40 NIV** The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.

**LUKE 6:41 NIV** “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

**LUKE 6:42 NIV** How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

At times Jesus almost seemed like an insult comic

Matthew 11:16-19 “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others: “‘We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

Only pre-crucifixion? NO. “Children do you have any fish?”

**Humor**

Humor is hard to define

Humor changes over time

**Dog Picture – “I have no idea what I’m doing”**

**Humor**

God invented humor

The Joy of the Lord is your strength

Joy is a fruit of the spirit

How to make God laugh

**Psalm 2:4 NIV** The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

**Change Your Reality**

Let Him change your reality today

**JOHN 16:33 NIV** “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

\*gift card\*

**JOHN 16:22 NIV** So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

He will wipe every tear

Take heart of stone and give heart of flesh

Takes ashes and gives joy

New life in baptism

New spirit