



Questions:

1. What stood out for you from Matthew 25:14-30? Do you find it a challenging parable? How do you think it might apply to a discussion of gay, lesbian bisexual and transgendered people relative to church and the Bible?
2. How does it affect the way you hear Matthew 25:14-30 to think of it in terms of grace invested or grace squandered? In what ways do we invest in grace? In what ways do we squander it?
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EPISODE TITLE: “A New Twist On An Old Parable”

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Featured Guest: Sue Fulton

Sue Fulton is a 1980 West Point graduate, part of the first class to admit women. She was commissioned in the Army, served for five years in Germany, and then honorably discharged from the Army as a Captain. As the Executive Director and co-founder of Knights Out, an organization of LGBT West Point graduates, and Communications Director for OutServe, the association of actively-serving LGBT military members, Fulton was a key player in the repeal of the military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy. Last July, President Obama appointed her as the first openly gay member of the West Point Board of Visitors.

Pneuma Divina Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

14 ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” ²³His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” ²⁶But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

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