

# MESSAGE NOTES

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## IN SEARCH FOR THE LAND OF "ER"

**Give yourself a blessing and repeat often: "There's NO win in COMPARISON."**

Let's face it. Not a day goes by that you're not tempted to glance to the left and to the right to see how you measure up to the people around you. But it doesn't stop there, does it? You're tempted to compare your children to other children, your spouse to other spouses, your teacher(s) to other teachers, your pastor(s) to other pastors! It's frustrating. It's exhausting. It's a TRAP! But what can we do about it?

**WE WANT TO BE... \_\_\_\_\_ - ER!**

"There is no win in Comparison!"

**FOR OUR GUIDANCE AND PROTECTION AND WELLNESS, GOD HAS GIVEN US COMMANDEMENTS 9 AND 10:**

- √ *Thou shall not \_\_\_\_\_ thy neighbor's house.*
- √ *Thou shall not \_\_\_\_\_ thy neighbor's wife, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, or his cattle, or anything that is his.*

Proverbs 14:30: "...envy rots the bones."

**WHO OR WHAT AM I GOING TO USE AS MY REFERENCE POINT TO TELL ME I'M OKAY?**

Galatians 4:4-7

*But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons and daughters. And because you are sons and daughters, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son and daughter, and if a son and daughter, then an heir through God.*

**WHO DOES YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER COMPARE YOU TO?**

**WHOSE ESTIMATION OF YOU SHOULD YOU BELIEVE?**

"You're fine because you're mine."

**TAKE YOUR CUE ABOUT YOU FROM THE ONE WHO MADE YOU, LOVES YOU, AND REDEEMED YOU.**

*"Heavenly Father, I want to take my cue from you! I want to see myself through your eyes. I want to see my wife, my husband, my child, my friend, my teacher, my pastor, my \_\_\_\_\_ through your eyes, Father."*

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2/2	432	\$ 22,472	\$ 23,385	\$ - 913
	<b>Budgeted YTD \$ 724,935</b>	<b>Offerings YTD \$ 757,228</b>		<b>\$ +32,293</b>

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