

“Once Upon A Time”

- **God Has A Purpose For Your Life**

“Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any.’” Luke 13:6 (NIV)

- **God Expects Your Life To Produce “Fruit”**

“So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’” Luke 13:7 (NIV)

- **Jesus Pleaded For One More Chance**

“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it.’” Luke 13:8 (NIV)

- **God’s Patience Has A Limit**

“If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.”
Luke 13:9 (NIV)

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¹ Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

² Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way?"

³ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them--do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem?"

⁵ I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any.

⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

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Isaiah 55:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.