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Only the Best ISN'T Good Enough

Luke 14:12-24

¹⁶Jesus replied: "A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.
¹⁷At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.'"

1. The banquet of God has begun.

¹⁸"But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, 'I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.'¹⁹Another said, 'I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out. Please excuse me'²⁰Still another said, 'I just got married, so I can't come.'"

2. The arrogant attempt to sabotage the banquet.

²¹The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'"

3. The Host picks up the tab in sheer grace.

²²"Sir,' the servant said, 'what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.'²³Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"

4. Extending invitations and removing barriers is our calling.