

Best is Better Than Good
Luke 10: 38-42

We have a very interesting story today that can be a guide for all our choices in life.

Let's look at the issue presented.

Now Consider...

- **Our _____ life**

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Message Application:

Seinfeld was a hit sitcom in the 90s. It is known as a “show about nothing.” With all its array of quirky characters and awkward predicaments; there was quite a bit of something going on!

One character was Kenny Bannon. Bannon was an annoying stand up comic which Jerry, the main character, despised. One of the annoying things that Bannon did was to label everything as the best. “Mindy’s has the best soup Jerry, THE BEST!”

There wasn't too much discrimination for Kenny Bannon. In real life it just isn't so. We are constantly bombarded with choices. Some are really no-brainers. “Smoking will kill you”, “pay your bills on time” or in the words of Walyon Jennings, “You don't go writing hot checks down in Mississippi.” You get the idea, some things are easy to discern.

Or they should be. Yet time and time again we let poor judgment be our guide. The world tells us to go with our gut. It tells us to follow our heart. It elevates feelings as the determining compass that points to “True North.” This just might be the reason that there are so many divided families. It could very well be why there is confusion with gender and identity. The fact that people want their own selfish ways most assuredly tells us why crime, war and starvation still exist!

Jesus tells us that in this world, humans were made for so much more. From the Old Testament and the New we are encouraged to reach for the best, THE BEST my friend! In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus starts in chapter 5 with a path to finding and living out the best.

We can know our true identity. We can know our purpose in this world and we can know how to live our best.

This week go to chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel (look at verse 1-15). For each beatitude write the action and the blessing (hint the actions are rooted in the spiritual. Ex. Hunger is not literal hunger but spiritual hunger)

What is the key that you find for living out your best?