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Subject: Living the Word this week!

Dear Fellow Party -Goers,

Yep that's right -- party goes! In the Gospel lesson today we hear about a wedding feast and lessons to be learned about accepting invitations, not just any invitation but THE invitation of the King of the Universe (King = God in the parable). It's an invitation we dare not ignore or miss out on -- as my nurse friend reminded me in the hospital a week ago, it's all about "**forever stuff**"!

1. **Please pray then reread** the first parable in today's Gospel, the Parable of the Wedding Feast which is verses 1-10. Verses 11-14 is actually a separate parable with a separate message -- let's focus on verses 1-10.

2. **MONDAY/TUESDAY:** accept God's invitation by praying out loud to Him (or in your own words), " Lord God, I **ACCEPT**, Your gracious invitation to be part of your forever family, to live in Your kingdom and celebrate with You the Feast of Heaven. **I AM YOURS...**"

3. **WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY:** accept God's invitation by praying out loud " Lord God **RULE** my life here and now -- I give over to You all that troubles me today. Guide me to do what You need me to do in the midst of my troubles/concerns. Guide me in putting **YOU first** everyday."

4. **FRIDAY/SATURDAY:** accept God's invitation by praying out loud "Lord God, **THANKYOU**, **THANKYOU**, **THANKYOU** for seeking me out to dwell forever with You in Your kingdom and the Feast of Heaven. **I want to be WITH You forever! Then thank Him by inviting someone to our worship sometime soon, as the text says "the hall was filled "**!

Reminders: Next Sunday will be a special Sunday of sharing by the men who were on retreat recently -- bring a friend to hear their witness and see a cool video...:).

May the Lord bless, keep, and protect each and everyone of you in this week to come!

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