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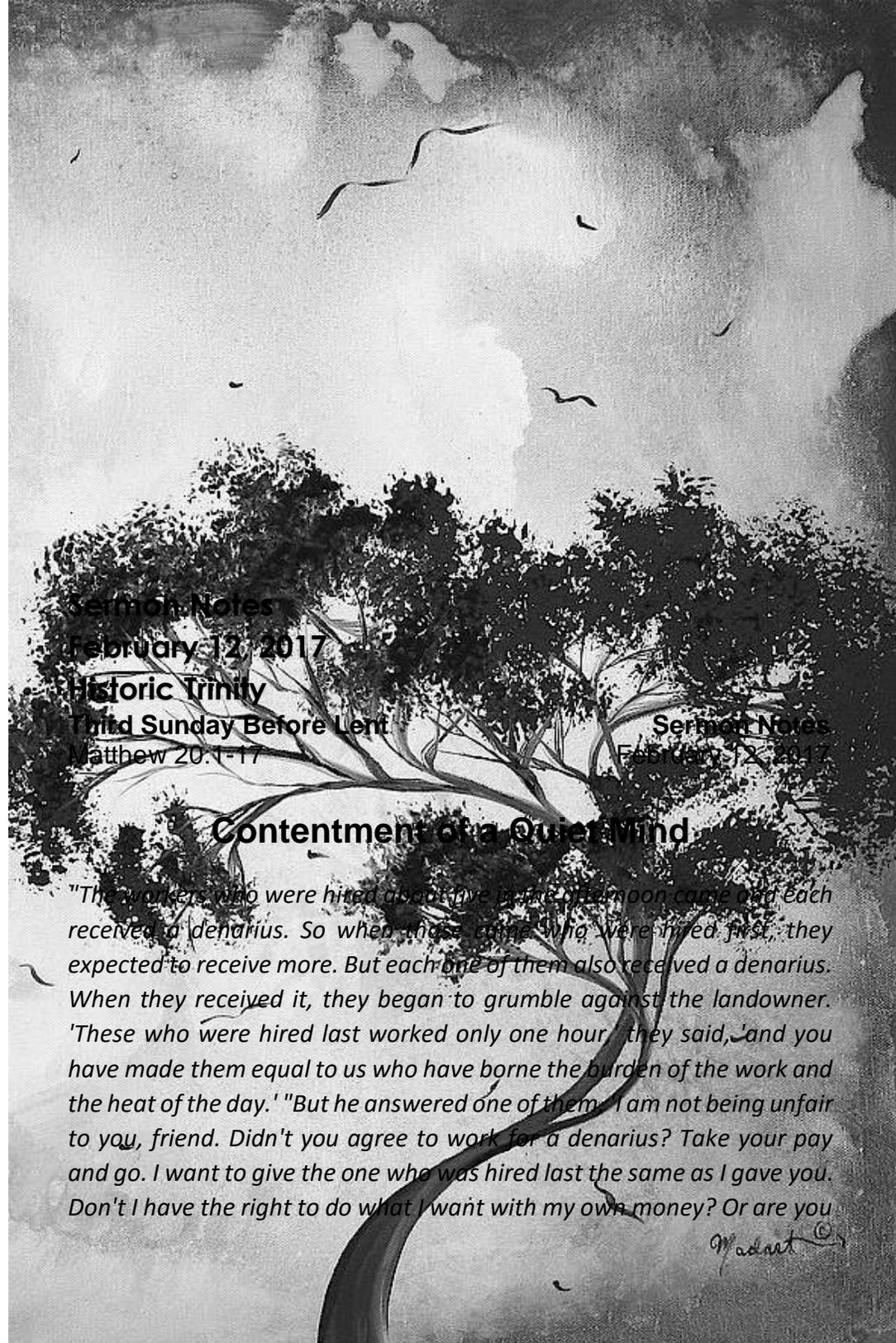
Reflect on this section when you get home. Try to journal your responses and pray over them throughout the week...

1. Read Jesus' parable in Matthew 20:1-17 slowly and meditatively. Try to remember a time when you became dissatisfied with something you have. Search yourself. What triggered that change in perspective? Write a short reflection on your experience.
2. Pray James 1:17 out loud a few times without rushing yourself. Make a list of the "good and perfect" gifts God has given you in your life. When you've listed a dozen or so out, offer a prayer of thanksgiving over each one.
3. Keep a list this week of gifts you're thankful for. These don't have to be limited to things and possessions. Write down whatever encounters, conversations, experiences, noticeable breakthroughs of grace in God's beautiful creation, whatever strikes you. Make a moment at the end of the day to thank God for each of them.

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Sermon Notes
February 12, 2017

Historic Trinity
Third Sunday Before Lent
Matthew 20:1-17

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Contentment of a Quiet Mind

"The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' "But he answered one of them: 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you

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envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

~ Matthew 20:9-16

Defining Terms...

(Matthew 19:27-30, 20:1-16)

Generosity is getting...

Grace is getting...

Workers in the Vineyard

1. _____ Destroys _____.

(1 Samuel 8:5, Matthew 20:9-16)

Defining Terms...

_____ Happiness only

_____ keeps us happy as long as we never

_____.

2. _____ to _____ what _____ .
(Matthew 25:21, 1 Timothy 6:6-9, James 1:17)