

A photograph of a room with blue walls and a wooden floor. A blue door is open on the right side, leading to a bright white light. The text "The Story of My Life" is written in white on the wall.

The Story of My Life

Opening doors to a life that really matters

⁹ Now Jesus turned to the people again and told them this story: "A man planted a vineyard, leased it to tenant farmers, and moved to another country to live for several years.

¹⁰ At the time of the grape harvest, he sent one of his servants to collect his share of the crop. But the farmers attacked the servant, beat him up, and sent him back empty-handed.

¹¹ So the owner sent another servant, but they also insulted him, beat him up, and sent him away empty-handed.

¹² A third man was sent, and they wounded him and chased him away.

13 "'What will I do?' the owner asked himself. 'I know! I'll send my cherished son. Surely they will respect him.'

¹⁴ "But when the tenant farmers saw his son, they said to each other, 'Here comes the heir to this estate. Let's kill him and get the estate for ourselves!'

¹⁵ So they dragged him out of the vineyard and murdered him. "What do you suppose the owner of the vineyard will do to them?" Jesus asked.

¹⁶ "I'll tell you-- he will come and kill those farmers and lease the vineyard to others." "How terrible that such a thing should ever happen," his listeners protested.

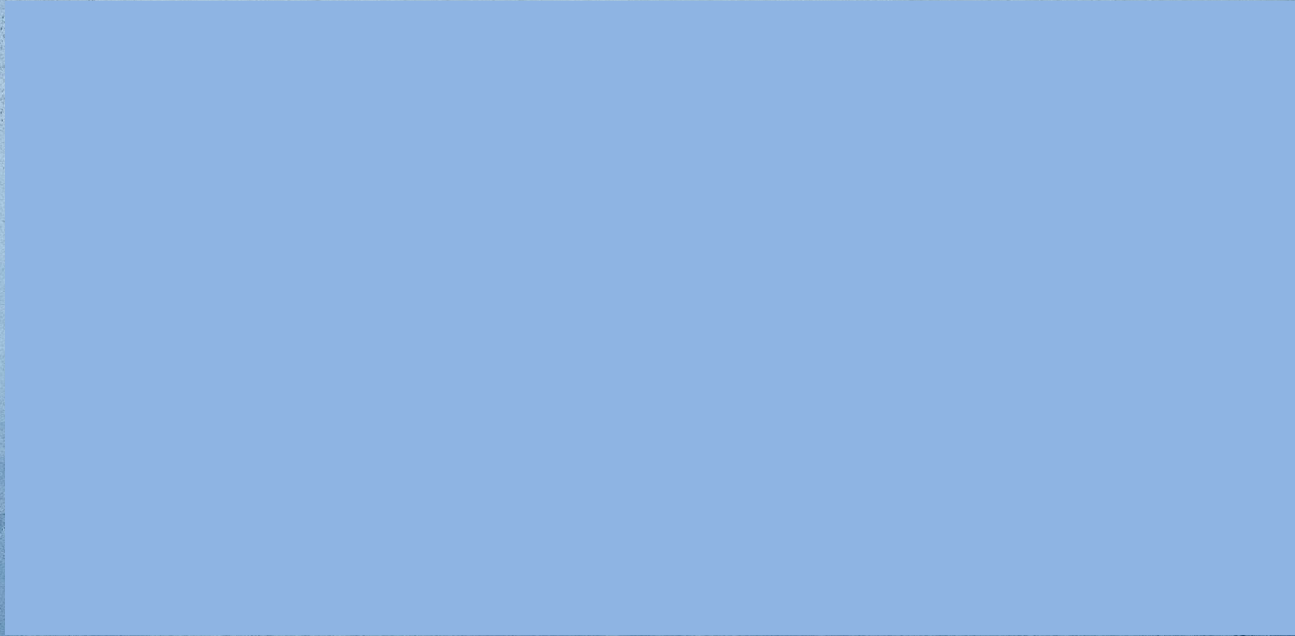
¹⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "Then what does this Scripture mean? 'The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'

¹⁸ Everyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on."

¹⁹ The teachers of religious law and the leading priests wanted to arrest Jesus immediately because they realized he was telling the story against them-- they were the wicked farmers. But they were afraid of the people's reaction.

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