

The Book of Incarnations!
Part 9: In Your Spot
Slide Notations

Matt 19, Mark 10, Luke 18 Now as He was leaving a man came running to Him, and kneeling down in front of Him he asked, "Good Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments!" He asked, 'which?' "You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he answered and said to Him, 'Teacher, I have done all those from childhood. What do I still lack?' Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said, "If you want to be perfect, there's only one thing you lack: Go back sell whatever you have and give the proceeds to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross and follow Me." But when the young man heard that, he walked away intensely sad, and grieved, for he was very rich and had a great abundance of possessions.

The Inspiration... *His genuine, precocious, desire touched Jesus heart and "He loved him!" v21*

Jesus was seeing beyond the brashness!

His love calls us to "perfecting!" 21b

"One thing you lack"/in the way

Love asks us to do some hard things, but it adds up for us in heaven! 21c

"Give to the poor/rich in heaven!"

"Come take your place at My side!" 21d

You called Me teacher/will you let Me?

If inspiration is the goal, I am there, I feel good, I am soaring! But inspiration alone is not enough... we need the truth to come alive in us and make a difference!

Incarnation...

Get off the "good standard!" v17,18 He was a "good man" coming to a "good teacher" and good teachers accept good people, right? (*None good but God!*) He was looking to be justified with God by his works (relative works)! What a leap of faith to think anything we can do is good enough to save us! What an accusation against God, to think salvation is for sale!

We can never do good enough to be justified with God... if we do any good it's because we have surrendered to God!

It's possible to do many things right in life and still totally miss the mark! v21 The man kept all the commandments in his relationships to men (?) but not with God... What does that say about him? *Most of us do it the other way!* He has an idol in the attic! And Jesus puts His finger right on the right nerve... and it hurt... *Grieved!*

We can live and die and still feel the pain of never really entering into His kingdom! Fix it here or feel it there!

When you are feeling pain, do not run, lay down for the surgery! v22 Believers only feel pain in the "fleshy" parts – allow it to be excised! He should have said "yes!" "I will go, divest myself of my earthly goods, give the proceeds to the poor..." Instead, walking away "pierced w/sorrow, erring from faith!" **1Tim6.9,10**

What's your "stopper?" Where do you draw your line? What makes you turn and go back even in sadness? Money? Family? Personal Discomfort? Invasion of privacy? Submission issues? Humility? What?

We must take our spot on the team! v21 It's one thing to hear the Word... And divest ourselves of hindrances... But then all we're going to do is think we're "good!" Divesting is "just what faith demands!" **"When we have done what is our duty then say, I am at zero right now!" L17.10**

Must take the necessary steps! "Giving up stuff" is not the final destination, it's positioning for the start-up! Jesus looks into us and asks us to give up stuff that's in the way of us filling our "spot" on the team!

"Jack and Jill"