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Mark 10:17-31

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Jesus' call to salvation demands total **surrender**.

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- Salvation is always a matter of **internal** transformation.
- Jesus is not merely a respectable **teacher**.
- Jesus is the sovereign **Lord**.

A Radical Affection...
Jesus calls us to give sacrificially because He **loves** us.

- He is a Shepherd who **protects** us.
- He is a Father who **delights** in us.
- He is a King who **provides** for us.

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Jesus gives commands, not **considerations**.

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- As followers of Christ, we **obey**.

A Radical Reward...
Jesus does not want to strip us of our pleasure; He wants to satisfy us with His **treasure**.

- Which do we want?
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    - Or long-term treasures we can't **lose**?
  - Unpredictable investments...
    - Or inexhaustible **savings**?
- Where is our heart?
  - Our use of money is a sure barometer of our present spiritual **condition**.
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A Radical Loss...
Love of possessions will inevitably and ultimately rob us of the **joy** for which we have been created.

- His eyes were **blind**.
- His face was **sad**.
- His hands were **full**.

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We desperately need to realize the **deadly** nature of our possessions.

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  - Riches cause us to become self- **confident**.
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  - Riches cause us to become self- **centered**.
- The decisions we make…
  - A life of selfish **luxury** that forskes the poor.
  - A life of selfless **love** for the sake of the poor.

A Radical Gift…
Salvation is utterly **impossible** for any and every person apart from the grace of God.

- God **gives** salvation to us.
  - God does not **sell** us salvation.
  - God does not **trade** us salvation.
- God **enables** sacrifice in us.

A Radical Freedom…
Jesus frees us from our bondage to ourselves and our **stuff**.

- We are free to **go** wherever He calls.
- We are free to **give** whatever He asks.

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Jesus unites His people together to enjoy and **encourage** one another as they abandon themselves to Him.

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