DID JESUS REALLY SAY THAT?

The Best Inheritance

Luke 18:18-30

Jesus is NOT saying that being <u>wealthy</u> means you <u>can't</u> inherit <u>eternal</u> life.

Jesus IS saying that $\underline{\text{riches}}$, $\underline{\text{money}}$ and $\underline{\text{wealth}}$ tend to be $\underline{\text{obstacles}}$ to the kingdom of God.

Three Observations:

- 1. Jesus <u>sees</u> what <u>matters</u> to the rich ruler's <u>heart</u> and gets to the heart of the matter. *vv.*18-25
- 2. Only God can make the impossible possible. vv. 26-27
- 3. In God's economy, His rate of return is unmatched. vv. 28-30

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Why is it so hard for wealthy people to have eternal life?
- 2) Why is it so hard for religious people and "good" people to have eternal life?
- 3) What is Jesus saying it really takes to have eternal life?
- 4) How does Jesus encourage His followers when they feel they have given so much in this life to Him?

Memory Verse Luke 18:27

"Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with men is possible with God.'"