



Part 8 Intense Challenge Mark 10:17-27

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Mark 10:17b

1. The essence of saving faith: _____

“I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” v15

2. The enemies of saving faith:

_____ *“what must I do...?” v17b*

_____ *“Good teacher...” v17a*

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. ‘No one is good --except God alone.’” v18

Intense Challenge: Who do you believe Jesus is? Only God is good. So: Either Jesus is God **and** good, or Jesus is not God **and** not good.

_____ *“Teacher,’ he declared, ‘all these (commandments) I have kept since I was a boy.” v20*

_____ *“One thing you lack,’ he said. ‘Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.” v 21-22*

Intense Challenge: Will you let go of what keeps you from following Jesus?

_____ *“It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” v25*

3. The emphasis of saving faith: _____

“The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, ‘Who then can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’” v26-27

“Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’” John 6:28-29

Daily Meditations

Here’s a chance to spend some time each day this week meditating on today’s topic!

This week’s memory verse: *“Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’ Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’” John 6:28-29*

Monday

Read Mark 10:17-27. Look over your notes from last weekend. Which of the three points hit home the most for you? Why?

How can you relate to the rich, young ruler?

Write down your thoughts on the two “intense challenge” questions from the notes:

Who do you believe Jesus is?

Will you let go of what keeps you from following Jesus?

Thank God today for the opportunity to study the Bible. Thank Him for the real people, real life illustrations in the Bible. Ask Him to soften your heart to His truth today.

Tuesday

Read Mark 10:13-17. What relationship do you think there is between Jesus’ interaction with the children and the rich young ruler?

Write down four things that impress you about a child’s dependency:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How can you apply these to your dependency on God?

Why do you think Jesus held up the faith and dependency of a child as a model for you?

Thank God today for His love for you. Thank Him for His trustworthiness. Ask Him to simplify your faith and dependency today. Pray for a child's heart and faith.

Wednesday

Read Mark 10:17-25. What do you learn about the rich young ruler in these verses?

What was his question for Jesus? What was Jesus' answer?

What was the man's response to Jesus' answer? How can you relate to him?

What was Jesus' attitude towards this man? How have you felt Jesus' look of love and compassion before?

Thank God today that you can ask Him questions. Thank God today that He sees your heart. Ask Him to help you trust that He sees you with love and compassion.

Thursday

Read Mark 10:17-25 & Hebrews 12:1-2. Look back over the "enemies of saving faith" from point two on the previous page. We all struggle to some extent with all five of these. Take some time to pray and honestly evaluate how these "enemies" are impacting your life right now. Write down your thoughts.

Here's your intense challenge for the day: Write down the thing(s) in your life right now that has the potential to hinder your walk with Jesus.

Talk to God today about the areas of your life where you're tempted to hold on to something instead of following Him. Talk to Him about the "enemies of faith" that you struggle with. Ask Him for a growing faith and confidence in Him. Ask Him to help you let go of the things that hinder you from total devotion to Him.

Friday

Read Mark 10:26-27 & John 6:28-29. What is the Jesus' encouragement to the disciples in these verses?

Think about your relationship with God. On a scale of 1 to 10 how confident are you that your complete salvation and sufficiency are in Christ? (1=not at all confident, 10=completely confident). How does this impact your daily life?

How do you need the encouragement of "with God all things are possible" in your life today?

Thank God today for the complete work of Christ on the cross. Ask Him to help you rest in that truth today. Pray about the things that seem impossible to you right now. Ask Him to grow your faith and confidence in His possibilities.

Saturday

Today please finish any meditations you might have missed, and please pray for the vision day services this weekend.. Pray that you will continue grow in wisdom, grace and the knowledge of Christ. Pray for a soft heart that is inclined toward God.