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Mark 10:17-31 (NLT)

The Rich Man

¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is truly good."

¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," the man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young."

²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!"

²⁴ This amazed them. But Jesus said again, "Dear children, it is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God."

²⁵ In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!"

²⁶ The disciples were astounded. "Then who in the world can be saved?" they asked.

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Other Lectionary Readings:

Job 23:1-9,16-17 Psalms 22:1-5

Hebrews 4:12-16



²⁷ Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God."

Everything is possible with God."

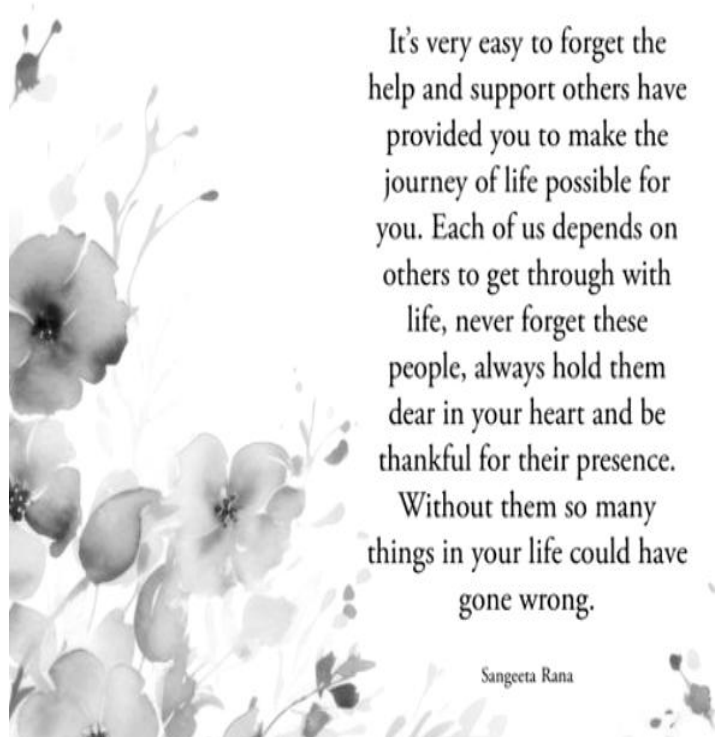
²⁸ Then Peter began to speak up. "We've given up everything to follow you,"

he said.

²⁹ "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News,

³⁰ will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.

³¹ But many who are the greatest now will be least important then, and those who seem least important now will be the greatest then."



It's very easy to forget the help and support others have provided you to make the journey of life possible for you. Each of us depends on others to get through with life, never forget these people, always hold them dear in your heart and be thankful for their presence. Without them so many things in your life could have gone wrong.

Sangeeta Rana



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Claire and Ashley, Beulah's grandson and his wife. Claire is still very unwell, but is very happy to be at home, rather than in hospital. Her crochet work won a prize at the Cessnock Show.
- Lynn Hatfield continues to be in our prayers as she recovers from a fractured pelvis.
- It is difficult to know how to pray for the Middle East, and its' people. So we pray for peace, and for sanity to prevail.
- We pray for the war-weary people of Ukraine.
- We thank God for the beautiful roses blooming all around us at the moment.

Meg's Musings



This morning (Wednesday) there was a thunderstorm and hailstorm at our place. Stones as big 1.5cm (or 3/4 inch) peppered our roof and garden. It made quite a racket! Some of the roses were quite knocked about, but no real damage was done. A warm front and a cold front collided, and thunder and hail were the result. There are times when we collide, or clash, with other people - and sometimes there are "fireworks" - ugly words, and hurt feelings. Paul tells us, in Romans 12:18, to "live at peace with everyone". That's not always easy, but when we look at the situation in the Middle East, I'm sure that we all wish that more people could adopt Paul's directive!

Blessings from Meg

CHURCH SERVICES

20 October 11am West

~ Meg Mangan

27 October 11am West

~ Rev Samuela Sadrata



What I if told you
You the read first line wrong?
Same the with second line
And also the third.....



4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

7:30am

27 October



Words from Rev Sam Sadrata

This week's Gospel reading touches upon questions pertaining to eternal life. The scene is set, and we have a man who ran up and knelt before Jesus. While Mark recalls that Jesus looked at him and loved him, Matthew and Luke leave this out, for what reason, I do not know. In any case, this man came seeking to be healed by Jesus. It is interesting to note that whenever Christ uses the word 'go' in Mark, it is used in stories of healing. What is the healing that this man needs? What he lacks is that he does not lack. This man is possessed—but only by his possessions. Jesus is offering to free him of his possession, to offer healing from his wealth accumulated over the years. But the rich man turns his back in grief because his wealth is probably something that he accumulated over the years in strategic planning with a lot of research and sacrifice - personal sacrifice.

The rich man's secure status in life led him to ask the wrong question: What can I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus' response, in a sense, was that there was nothing he or anyone else could do. Jesus told him to release his wealth and give it to the poor - to grow closer, perhaps, to the fragility of life, to take his own place among the poor.

Alluding back to the later verses in last week's reading from Mark, perhaps in many ways we have to be like children who are dependent on their parents, only then do we really 'Let go and Let God' and cling to God more and more in our lives.

Like everything in the bible, this is something that is easier said than done. It challenges us daily in self-reflection. Putting myself in that man's sandals, this passage really hits home for me. Every now and again I often think back to how far I have come from struggling in Fiji -sometimes ripped clothes to school or shoes that have holes underneath, to now living comfortably. It would be difficult to leave it all up. Am I ineligible to obtain eternal life too? Some very difficult questions and even more scary thing to do. I guess when we are stripped down to the minimum, we learn to trust in God's provision in our lives.

Reverend Samuela Sadrata



The World Needs More Boat Painters

A man was hired to paint a boat. With his paint, brushes, and a steady hand, he began coating the boat in a vibrant red, as the owner had requested. As he worked, he noticed a small hole in the hull, barely noticeable to the untrained eye. Without saying a word, he repaired it, considering it part of his job.

Once he finished painting, the owner paid him, and the man left, content with his day's work. The next morning, however, the owner returned, holding a check far more generous than what was owed for the painting.

Surprised, the painter asked, "Sir, you've already paid me for the paint job. What is this for?"

The owner smiled and said, "This isn't for the painting. It's for fixing the hole in the boat."

The painter, puzzled, replied, "But that was such a small thing—certainly not worth this amount."



"My friend, you don't understand," the owner began. "When I asked you to paint the boat, I didn't know about the hole myself.

After you finished and the paint dried, my children took the boat out. The next day with the boat turned over, I noticed the repair. I was horrified to realize I had missed seeing this before."

The painter listened intently as the man continued, his voice now thick with emotion. "I was terrified, thinking what may have happened to my children. You had repaired the hole. You didn't just fix a boat—you saved my children's lives. That's something I can never fully repay."

The painter stood silent, absorbing the weight of the man's words.

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The owner added softly, "Sometimes, the smallest gestures can have the greatest impact. What seemed insignificant to you meant the world to me."

In life, we may unknowingly fix many "holes" for others—offering help, mending hearts, or simply being there when needed. We often don't realize how much those small actions can mean to someone else.

You never know when your quiet kindness might save a life.

Keep helping, keep caring, for the world needs more boat painters. ~ unknown

Your hard work is the dream of every unemployed person;

Your restless child is the dream of everyone without children;

Your small home is the dream of every homeless person;

Your little capital is the dream of every debtor;

Your poor health is the dream of every patient with an incurable disease;

Your peace, your peaceful sleep, your accessible food is the dream of everyone in a country at war.

You must appreciate everything you have. After all, no one knows what tomorrow will bring." ~ Jackie Chan

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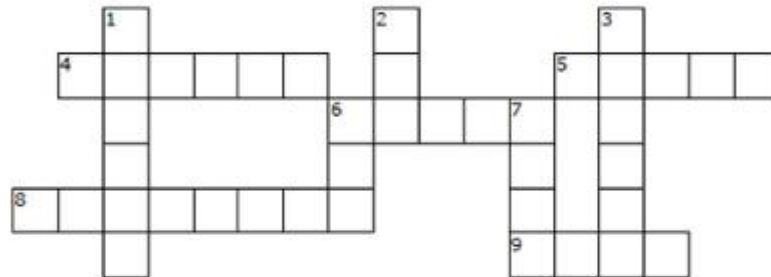


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Rich Young Man



"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." Mark 10:25 (NIV)



ACROSS

4. A small, slender implement used for sewing
5. A long-necked animal with humps
6. To go into
8. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
9. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

DOWN

1. The home of God and the angels
2. An adult male human
3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
6. An opening in a needle
7. Possessing great material wealth

rich man	easier camel	eye needle	hard enter	heaven treasure
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adultery	false	inherit	mother	steal
camel	father	lack	murder	teacher
commandments	give	life	needle	testimony
eternal	honor	loved	poor	wealth