

Jesus—Uncut and Uncensored

Give Everything You Own Away

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¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’ ²⁰“Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” ²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. “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.” ²²At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶The disciples were even more amazed and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Peter said to him, “We have left everything to follow you!” ²⁹“I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” (Mark 10:17-31, NIV)

¹² There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death. (Proverbs 14:12)

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way. (Isaiah 53:6, NIV)

Our natural default reaction when we face a problem:

- I must _____ something
 - I will _____ hard to make this right and make God love me
 - I will _____ from God and try to avoid this problem

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. (James 2:10, NIV)

¹¹It is written: “As surely as I live, says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.’” ¹²So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. (Romans 14:11-12, NIV)

1. Natural default reaction always leaves us _____.

(verse 22)

⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

2. Natural default reaction always leaves us _____.

(verses 26-27)

⁶I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6, NIV)

3. Jesus is our only sure _____.

- God wants us to _____ our “eye of the needle”.
- God wants us to _____ our “eye of the needle” to him.

⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:6, NIV)

4. By faith, God will change my NDR and give me

endless _____ which Jesus won for me.

My next steps in the “Cross-Walk”:

- Two potential “eyes of the needle” for me are

1. _____ and 2. _____.

- Ask God to help you give up that struggle to him. All things are possible with God!
- Mediate on and memorize Mark 10:26-27