



Topic: Did Jesus Say That?

Trading Wealth for Eternal Riches

Pray:

Open your prayer with a heart of gratitude, acknowledging God's presence and wisdom. Reflect on Psalm 63:5 (NIV): "I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you." Take a moment to thank God for His guidance and ask for clarity as you dive into His Word.

Meditate:

Read Mark 10:17-22 (NIV) - "As 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?' ... Jesus 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.' At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

The encounter between Jesus and the rich young man reveals the tension between earthly possessions and eternal treasures. Jesus' response underscores the significance of heart posture. The man's attachment to his wealth becomes an obstacle to fully embracing the call to follow Jesus.

Jesus' words prompt us to assess our priorities. Are we willing to release anything that hinders wholehearted devotion to Christ? It's more than material possessions; it's about relinquishing desires, ambitions, and priorities to fully follow Jesus.

Proclaim:

I proclaim that Jesus reveals the weight of eternal choices. His teachings challenge me to prioritize my relationship with Him above all else. I choose to release anything that impedes my wholehearted devotion to Christ, embracing His call to follow Him with unwavering commitment.

Fellowship:

Share with a fellow believer or a family member about a time when God provided for you in an unexpected way. How did it strengthen your faith? Discuss ways you can encourage each other to trust in God's surprising provision and be open to His extraordinary ways of meeting your needs.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the story of the rich young man resonate with the choices you face in your own life?
2. What potential hindrances do we encounter in fully following Jesus?
3. How can we cultivate a heart that is willing to surrender everything to Christ's calling?

