

TRUTH Part 3
"DON'T WALK AWAY!"

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BIG IDEA:
REPLACE RULES WITH A RELATIONSHIP!

Mark 10:17-29

THREE FALSE BELIEFS OF THE RICH YOUNG RULER:

FALSE Belief #1: What I have done is **ENOUGH** to have a right relationship with God.

It looked like the rich young ruler had all he needed:

- He was rich
- He was young
- He was a ruler
- He was **HUMBLE**
- He was spiritually **SENSITIVE**

FALSE Belief #2: If what I have is not enough, I can do **MORE** to earn my way into heaven. (Isaiah 64:6 , Ephesians 2:8-10)

"But now God has shown us a different way of being right in His sight - not by obeying the law, but by the way promised in the Scriptures long ago. We are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved the same way, no matter who we are or what we have done."
Romans 3:21, 22 (NLT)

FALSE Belief #3: I can trust Jesus with **PART** of my life and still be completely **RIGHT** with God.

"The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."
2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT)

It all comes down to a battle of wills:

What **I** want vs. what does **GOD** want?

How do you know if you have surrendered everything to Jesus Christ?

Jesus said, "mark My words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, land - whatever - because of Me and the message will lose out" Mark 10:29 (NLT)

Personal Prayer: **God, today I give you ...**
...anything ,anytime, anywhere, anyone...
...at any cost!

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For further study of today's message

Entry Point: Read Mark 10:17-29

According to Hebrew culture it appeared the rich young ruler had all he needed to be saved, including obedience to the commandments since childhood! But Jesus blew away the false beliefs that doing good deeds, wealth, or surrendering just a portion of your life to God would get him into heaven.

What false beliefs have caused you to walk away from a relationship with Christ?

In Romans 3:21—22 Paul reminds us that, "we are made right in God's sight when we trust in Jesus Christ to take away our sins... no matter who we are or what we have done." This emphasizes the truth that receiving eternal life is not works based, but grace based.

How have you been exhausting yourself trying to earn your way into heaven?

How does the grace of God and a relationship with Christ correlate?

To what degree do you experience God's grace in your walk with Christ?

Verse 21 of Mark 10 says Jesus looked at the young ruler and loved him, indicating that love was the basis for the relationship He was offering. Jesus was not saying that he had to sell everything to get into heaven. Rather, He was requiring the young ruler to remove all other gods in his life.

What false gods have been present in your life? How do those false gods affect your relationship with Jesus?

God is Light, and darkness and light cannot co-exist. Living things grow in the light, while dead things grow in the dark. God wants to bless every part your life, but He cannot be where you have allowed darkness. "But when anything is exposed and reprovved by the light, it is made visible and clear; and where everything is visible and clear there is light (God)."
Ephesians 5:13 (amplified)

What false beliefs keep certain aspects of your life in the dark?

Personal Prayer: God, today I give you ...
...anything ,anytime, anywhere, anyone...
...at any cost!

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.*
Mark 12:30 (NIV)