

Jesus Uncut

Week #2: *The Eye of the Needle*

Text: *Luke Mark 10:23-27*

The World believes...

*...that he who dies with the most toys **wins**.*

*...that money can bring you **happiness**.*

*...having money isn't everything, not having **money** is.*

The Bible teaches...

*...that he who dies with the most toys **still dies**.*

*...that money can bring you **ruin**.*

*...having money isn't everything, not having **Jesus** is.*

Yet people still believe...

you can have the best of **both** worlds.

- Mark 10:21-22 - *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." 22 At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

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- Mark 10:23-26 - *Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"*

Truth #1 - You can't serve both **God** and **money**.

- Matthew 6:21 - *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
- Luke 9:25 - *What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?*

Truth #2 - God makes the impossible **possible**.

- Mark 10:27 - *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."*
- Philippians 4:19 - *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19 - *17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

Points to Ponder

1. Spiritual gut check time...take a look at your life and how you use your money? Examine your heart and your checkbook. Where does God rank? What changes do you need to implement to reflect a heart that treasures Jesus above all things?
2. Jesus "eye of the camel" statement was intended to reinforce what truth? Why is it that money is such an obstacle to people's relationship with Jesus? Is it for you and if so why?
3. Assignment: Money isn't a bad thing, it's a blessing to be used as a God thing! Take an inventory of thanks this week and list how God has met all your needs in Jesus.

Homework for next week: