

Sermon Message for August 4/5, 2018 | Pastor Josh Rose
THE REAL JESUS! | What's In Your Bag?
Mark 10:17-31 (p. 860)

• If you are going to _____, you've got to _____.

1. Jesus isn't impressed by our _____ and good _____.
(10:17, Matt. 7:21-23)

2. God doesn't need our _____.
(10:18-20, Phil. 3:8-9)

TRUTH → Eternal life cannot be _____, it can only be _____.
(10:15; Titus 3:5, 7)

3. Jesus loves us enough to explain the _____ of our _____.
(10:23-25, Matt. 6:20-21; Prov. 30:8-9)

TRUTH → Salvation is always a _____! (10:27)

• Before Jesus _____, He's asking you to _____.
(10:27; Heb. 12:1; 1 Tim. 6:17-19)

THE MAIN POINT → You can't _____ Jesus and _____.

**Questions for Personal Prayer and Reflection From the
August 4/5, 2018 Sermon Message**

Read Mark 10:17-31 and review your outline notes before thinking and praying through the following questions.

The goal of this week is to spend some time thinking about what you need to let go of. Please spend a few moments prayerfully considering the sermon outline, then take a look at the following questions.

- Henri Nouwen suggests that there are "Five Lies of Identity" that we all struggle with:
 - 1) I am what I have.
 - 2) I am what I do.
 - 3) I am what other people say or think of me.
 - 4) I am nothing more than my worst moment.
 - 5) I am nothing less than my best moment.

Each of us deal with these in different ways and to different extents, but it could be said that we carry around these lies in our "backpack." As you read each one above again, consider how you have made it a part of what you bring to your journey with Jesus. How can you let go of each lie so that Jesus can lead?

- There's an older word that really gets at the heart of what Jesus is asking the Rich Young Ruler to do to his wealth. The word is "Forsake," and it means "to abandon, to renounce, or to give up and turn away entirely." One of the few places that the word is still used is in traditional wedding vows. For instance, the man is often asked, "Do you promise to love her ... forsaking all others in order to be faithful only to her, for as long as you both shall live?"

• Why is that an important vow for a married couple?

• Why would that be an important commitment for us in our relationship with Jesus?

• What do you need to "forsake" in order to follow Jesus?

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(For Scripture references and fill-in the blanks)

- If you are going to **follow Jesus**, you've got to **pack light**.

1. Jesus isn't impressed by our **sincerity** and good **intentions**. (10:17, Matt. 7:21-23)

"Hell isn't merely paved with good intentions; it's walled and roofed with them. Yes, and furnished too."
Aldous Huxley

"No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions." Margaret Thatcher

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'" Matthew 7:21-23

2. God doesn't need our **good works**. (10:18-20, Phil. 3:8-9)

"More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith," Philippians 3:8-9

"God doesn't need our good works, but your neighbor does." Martin Luther

TRUTH: Eternal life cannot be **earned**, it can only be **received**. (10:15; Titus 3:5, 7)

"... he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy ... so that having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:5, 7

3. Jesus loves us enough to explain the **dangers** of our **wealth**. (10:23-25, Matt. 6:20-21; Prov. 30:8-9)

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21

"... give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, 'Who is the LORD?' Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God." Proverbs 30:8-9

TRUTH: Salvation is always a **miracle**! (10:27)

- Before Jesus **leads**, He's asking you to **let go**. (10:27; Heb. 12:1; 1 Tim. 6:17-19)

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy. Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed." 1 Timothy 6: 17-19

THE MAIN POINT: You can't **follow** Jesus and _____.