MARK 10:17-31

17 And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and
asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said to
him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the
commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear
false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” 20 And he said to him,
“Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him,
and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and
you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 Disheartened by the saying,
he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. 23 And Jesus looked around and
said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the
kingdom of God!” 24 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them
again, “Children, how difficult 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 a rich person to enter the kingdom of
God.” 26 And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be
saved?” 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God.
For all things are possible with God.” 28 Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left
everything and followed you.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has
left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake

and for the gospel, [30] who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. [31] But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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EXPLORING THE PASSAGE

- What do you observe about the man who comes to Jesus and the conversation between them? What is the man hoping for, and what does Jesus seem to want for him?
- Jesus responds, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone." What might He be pointing the man toward?
- What is the one thing he lacks? How is this connected to Jesus' command: "Go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me"?
- Why is it difficult for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God? How does Jesus answer the disciples' question, "Then who can be saved?"
- What promises does Jesus make in this passage? In what ways is this good news for you?
- Can you think of a time when Jesus called you to do something difficult? Why do you think He called you to it? What did you learn about Him as you chose to obey?
- Summarize the main point of this passage in one or two sentences. What is God's personal word to you from this text, and how will you respond?