

**Series Title:** The Pursuit of Happiness

**Sermon Title:** “One Thing You Lack”

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**Scripture:** Mark 10:17-27



**Luke 11:11-12 (ESV)** – 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

**Highest Good = Find their (internal) thing = Happiness**

*“The reason they sacrifice - the reason they spend money and time on kids, environments, activities - so their kid will flourish - 6am get up - can bring momentary happiness, but it brings great joy if the child is busy doing the things we think will help them flourish... there is a fear of wasting life, missing opportunities that would bring flourishing...” Andrew Root*

*“We rank the good things we participate in because we believe they will help us (and our teens) live a more fulfilling life...” Andrew Root*

**Why are we struggling finding our \_\_\_\_\_?**

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**Mark 10:17 (ESV)** – 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?”

**Matthew 19:16 (ESV)** – 16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?”

**Mark 10:18 (ESV)** – 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.

**Mark 10:19-20 (ESV)** – 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.”

We don't define “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” correctly.

**Philippians 3:6 (ESV)** – 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law,[a] blameless.

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Jesus redefines \_\_\_\_\_.

The Highest \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 18:30 (ESV)** –30 This God—his way is perfect;  
the word of the Lord proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

**Mark 10:21 (ESV)** – 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.”

Jesus says - *You can do all these good things and even be blameless in the cultures eyes, yet you still lack one thing... Me*

**Philippians 3:8 (ESV)** – 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.

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**Mark 10:23 (ESV)** – 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!”

**Mark 10:24-26 (ESV)** – 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?”

**Romans 8:17 (ESV)** – 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

**Mark 10:27 (ESV)** – 27 Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

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**Mark 10:22 (ESV)** – 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**Jeremiah 17:7 (ESV)** – 7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

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