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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

The High Stakes of Wealth

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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1 Timothy 6:6-10 Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. 7 After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. 8 So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. 9 But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

Luke 18:18-27 Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Only God is truly good."²⁰ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honour your father and mother.'²¹ The man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young."²² When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."²³ But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich.²⁴ When Jesus saw this,[b] he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God!²⁵ In fact, 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 Those who heard this said, "Then who in the world can be saved?"²⁷ He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God."

- Having wealth makes it difficult to enter the kingdom of God.

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- Riches are dangerous because they can blind us to our true needs.

- Wealth can be a tool for great joy.

Acts 20:35 "And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

- How do we grow in generosity? Hebrews 12:1-2

Big Idea: Steward wealth carefully, in response to God's generous grace.

- What is your next step?

2 Corinthians 8:7-12 Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.⁸ I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is...⁹ You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich...¹¹.... Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have.¹² Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have.