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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

The Pursuit of True Treasure

With Aaron Richert,
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Matthew 6:19-21 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Two Opposing Lifestyles:

🎧 In pursuit of **EARTHLY** treasures vs. in pursuit of **HEAVENLY** treasures.

Pursuing earthly treasures...

🎧 Is **FUTILE** (v. 19-21)

🎧 Fills our hearts with **DARKNESS** (v. 22-23)

"But when your eye is bad, your whole body is filled with darkness..."

🎧 Puts us at odds with **GOD** (v. 24)

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

🎧 Leads to **ANXIETY** and **FEAR** (v. 25-31)

"That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear..."

"And why worry about your clothing?..."

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'"

🎧 **DISTRACTS** us (vs. 32-34)

"These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

Big Idea: Pursuing True Treasure opens the door for DRASTIC GENEROSITY

1 Tim. 6:17-19 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. ¹⁹ By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

To reveal what your heart treasures...

🎧 Evaluate your **SPENDING**

🎧 Evaluate your **POSSESSIONS**

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