

**He Said What?
Thread A Camel
Discover Church
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“A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’” “All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” Luke 18:18-27

Five Lesson About Threading a Camel

1. Worldly success will never **satisfy** your **deepest** need

“When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.” Luke 18:23

“Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: “Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it.” Haggai 1:5-6

2. Coming to Jesus to find **eternal life** is a **wise decision**

“A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Luke 18:18

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

3. You only have **space** for one God in your life

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“You shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3

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- **Think**
- **Talk**
- **Time**
- **Treasure**

Priority

4. It is **impossible** for you to be **good enough** for eternal life

“Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” Luke 18:25

“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.” Romans 3:20

“For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.” James 2:10

5. God can do for us what is **impossible** to do for ourselves

“Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?” Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.” Luke 18:26-27

“For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering,” Romans 8:3

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Scripture: *Luke 18:18-27; Haggai 1:5-6; Romans 6:23; Exodus 20:3; Romans 3:20; James 2:10; Romans 8:3*