

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Very Sad Words

Some of the saddest words recorded in the Bible are in Matthew 19:22 -

²² ***But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.***

No matter how many times I read it, the story of the “Rich Young Ruler” always causes me heartache. How could he walk away? On bended knee before the Lord Jesus, he’s invited by the Lord Himself to

²² ***...come, follow Me.***

Oh to have been able to hear Jesus say those words! To receive an invitation from his very lips to come and follow after Him; To have the opportunity to be with Him daily and to hear His teaching first-hand. And the man doesn’t follow Jesus.

Those of us familiar with the story know why he left. He left because Jesus told him to –

²¹ ***Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven...”***

In His conversation with the man, Jesus revealed two things preventing him from obtaining eternal life. First, Jesus exposed his self-righteousness. When Jesus questioned him about keeping the commandments of God, the man foolishly said,

²⁰ ***...All these things I have kept...***

In other words, the man would not admit that he was a sinner. If a person won’t admit they are a sinner, they’ll never see their need for a savior. This was his first major obstacle.

The second obstacle that Jesus revealed in the young man was even worse. He exposed the one thing that the man loved more than God, his wealth. Jesus could have likely asked the man to do any number of things, even very difficult things, and the man would have jumped at the opportunity.

But Jesus doesn’t waste His or the man’s time. He calls him on the one thing that He is unwilling to part with, His wealth.

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In the end of the story the man keeps his wealth but would one day inherit a home in hell. That’s what makes the story heartbreaking.

As tragic as the story is, let’s not walk away sad from it like the man walked away sad from Jesus. Let’s learn from it and above all, let’s make sure that we’re nothing like that man. How can we do that?

First, make it your practice to remember Ephesians 2:8 every day –

⁸ ***For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.***

How does that help? It’s my daily reminder that when I was saved, it was due to the work of Jesus, and not in anything that I did. It’s all Him. He’s the only one capable of saving me. And how wonderful that salvation is a gift, which, by definition, is *a thing given willingly to someone without payment* (Oxford Dictionary).

Second, resolve to follow Jesus no matter the cost. That’s what He demanded of His disciples. That’s what He demanded of the rich young ruler and that’s what He demands of us. Does that mean that I have to do what he commanded of the rich young ruler?

Do I have to go and sell all of my possessions and give to the poor? The answer is maybe. He calls us to give up anything that takes the place of God in our heart.

Do you love Jesus? Before you answer, look at how Jesus defines love in John 14:15 -

¹⁵ ***“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.***

When Jesus gave His command to the rich young ruler, it was a test of devotion. It was a test of faith. It was a test of trust. It was a test of love.

Are you willing to do whatever Jesus commands of you? In what way has He convicted you to take action in some area of your life that you haven’t yet moved?

Don’t walk away sad; Put your faith in Jesus, trust Him completely for your salvation and with your life and obey anything and everything He commands.

Much love!

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PRAYER LIST

Marvin Kline—recovering at home. Keep him in your prayers.

Others on the prayer list: Bob Brownlee, Connie Morris, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Shirley Stoner, Melinda Miller, Hailee Moyer

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The family of Kevin Hunt will be having a celebration of life in his honor. The celebration will take place Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Melody Bowl Park in Wellington, KS. Memorials may be given to the Sumner County Fair Association through www.cornejofuneralhome.com.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR RAEANN HINES

There is a Pampered Chef wedding shower being planned for Raeann Hines on May 15 at 10:00 a.m. If you want to participate in a group gift, give your money to Brianna Bocanegra or Emily Pierce.

WORK DAY AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP

There will be a work day at Silver Maple Camp on Saturday, April 24th. Anyone interested in going, please let Wes know. Transportation will be provided for anyone who would like to attend.

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

WWWG will be held April 16-17 at the Hartman Arena in Park City. You can register at www.womenwalkingwithgod.org. You can attend this years conference onsite at Hartman Arena or virtual. The theme this year is “Arise.”

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alan Shields—15th	Brian Turney—16th
Journei Bales—18th	Addison Jenkins—19th
Jane Cole—19th	Jason Newberry—19th
Madi Bradbury—23rd	Tanner Dillon—25th
Bryan Turner—27th	Helen Norris—30th

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

April

Apr 11—Lynette Turney

Apr 18—Linda Wartick

Apr 25—Kaylee Jenkins

May

May 02—Helen Norris

May 09—Lynette Turney

May 16—Linda Wartick

May 23—Kaylee Jenkins

Life without God is like
an unsharpened pencil...There is no point.

The Advanced Lessons, Part 11: Impossible Salvation
Matthew 19:23-29

The Rich Young Ruler Would Not:

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Three Reasons A Rich Man Can't Go To Heaven

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The Advanced Teaching

Only _____ can make the _____ possible.

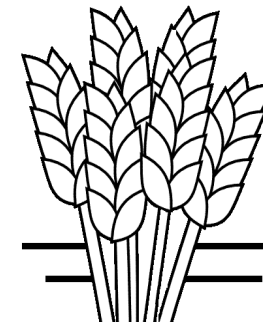
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THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY A.M.	11-Apr 2021	18-Apr 2021	25-Apr 2021
Elder in Charge	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
Opening Prayer	M. Neal	L. Lewis	R. Harris
Song Leader	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
Communion Prayer	T. Norris	R. Harris	M. Kline
Contribution Prayer & Collection	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett
Ushers	J. Rayl J. Willson	J. Rayl J. Willson	J. Rayl J. Willson
Closing Prayer	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
Deacon in Charge	M. Neal	M. Neal	M. Neal
SUNDAY A.M.	02-May 2021	09-May 2021	16-May 2021
Elder in Charge	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Opening Prayer	B. Turney	K. Dodds	N. Bradbury
Song Leader	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields
Communion Prayer	E. Newberry	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
Contribution Prayer & Collection	M. Neal P. Dodds	M. Neal P. Dodds	M. Neal P. Dodds
Ushers	A. Hines L. Helton	A. Hines L. Helton	A. Hines L. Helton
Closing Prayer	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Deacon in Charge	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce

Note concerning COVID-19: We are now requiring adults to wear masks in services, unless performing a public speaking role in the service or partaking of communion. If you have a medical limitation, we are not asking you to wear a mask and disregard that limitation. We also ask anyone who is subject to quarantine to abide by those recommendations. If you have a cough or are feeling ill, please do not attend services in person. By taking these measures, we believe we can respond to Paul's instructions in Philippians 2, where he wrote—*"do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."*



*"Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward"*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 11, 2021

Call to Worship

Song "10,000 Reasons"

Song "Still"

Prayer

Song #176 "Lamb of God"

Song "In Christ Alone"

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song "Shield About Me"

Closing Prayer

ELDERS		DEACONS	
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	Kevin Dodds	Aaron Hines
Ed Newberry	Tom Norris	Leroy Lewis	Mike Neal
		David Pierce	Alan Shields
MINISTER			
Wes LeFlore			