

“The One Thing You Can’t Lack”

Luke 18:18-30



The Big Idea

YOU’VE GOT TO COME WITH
NOTHING FOR JESUS TO GIVE YOU
EVERYTHING.

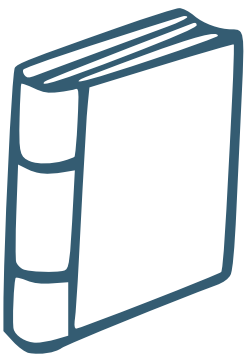


Context

In Luke 17, Jesus told us judgment is coming.

In Luke 18, he’s showing us the kind of people that are going to be saved from it and the kind of people who won’t.

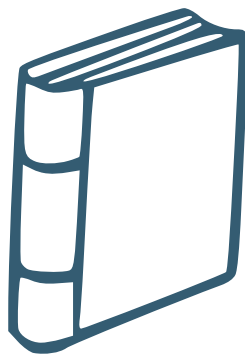
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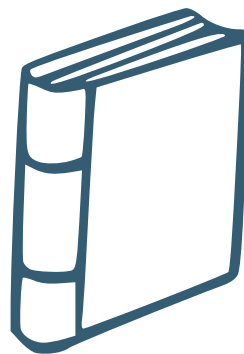
1) A Pharisee
and tax
collector



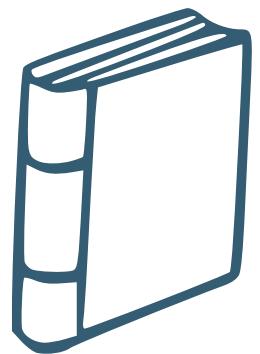
2) Parents
and babies



3) A rich
young ruler



4.) A blind
beggar



5.) Zaccheaus

...one theme: **HOW SALVATION WORKS**

WHY DOES THIS TOPIC MATTER?

Because the stakes are so high and we naturally get the answer wrong!

Even though the Bible is very clear, we still want to depend on ourselves!

In Luke 18...

Jesus shows us that no one will be justified by their own performance!

If we want to enter the kingdom, we must come to Jesus like babies, depending solely on Him for blessing!

THE RICH, YOUNG RULER



BUT WHAT ABOUT SOMEONE WON'T?

He seemed like a person who had absolutely every possible advantage... and yet, he is unable to experience salvation!

WHAT WAS HE MISSING?

He wasn't willing to depend completely on Jesus!

When we start to see how important this kind of humbling is, being saved can begin to seem impossible...AND THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT!

TRULY BEING SAVED REQUIRES A MIRACLE THAT ONLY GOD CAN DO!



Take action!

If that miracle hasn't happened in your life...

you need it and you need to plead with God to do what you cannot.

If that miracle has happened in your life...

you need to be thankful! There is no sacrifice you can make for Jesus that is bigger than the blessing He has in store for those who do. We can be absolutely confident about that because Jesus isn't asking us to do anything He hasn't already done.

We are saved by the Son of God humbling Himself and trusting God's promises by going to the cross. And while that was difficult, we know what happened next.

Jesus' story didn't end with humiliation. He was crucified, died and was buried. But then He rose again, ascended to heaven, and was glorified.

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WILL YOU TRUST HIM?

- It's one thing to say you depend on Jesus, it's another to daily depend on Jesus. How might you evaluate what you are putting your confidence in on a regular basis?
- Do you view yourself as needy like a baby? What difference do you think it would make in your life if you did?
- If Jesus was speaking to you instead of the rich young ruler what do you think he would put his finger on that could potentially keep you from relying on Him?
- What does it look like to live the Christian life daily in complete dependence on Jesus?
- Do you view depending on Jesus like this as scary? How do you think we should view it and why?

You've heard from
Jesus....
what will you do now?