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## “Jesus with Us in Every Circumstance”

Mark 10:17-31

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In today's passage from the gospel of Mark, we meet a rich man. He ran up to Jesus, knelt down, and asked,  
"Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

When I read this, I started to wonder. He was already rich and had a comfortable life, so why did he want eternal life so much?

Was it because he wanted to keep his wealth forever? Or was he sick, maybe facing a life-threatening illness? We don't know for sure because the Bible doesn't tell us exactly why.

First, Jesus asked him if he had followed the commandments. The man answered that he had kept them all since he was young.

Then Jesus looked at him with love and said,  
"You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

When the rich man heard this, he became very sad and left, because he had a lot of wealth.

So this raises a question: Why did Jesus tell him to do that?  
If Jesus loved him, why didn't He just give him what he wanted?

When we see that Jesus loved the rich man, it doesn't seem like he was asking for eternal life just to fulfil his own desires or greed.

Let's imagine that this man had an incurable disease, and he knew he didn't have much time left. Maybe he thought it would take a lot of money to get healed. That could be why he couldn't let go of his wealth and follow Jesus.

He might have run to Jesus because he heard stories about Jesus healing people and doing miracles.

So, he came to Jesus to solve his problem. But when Jesus gave him the solution, the man trusted his wealth more than he trusted Jesus. As a result, he couldn't experience the miracle Jesus had for him.

Even though he tried many ways to fix his problem using his money, nothing worked. That's why he went to Jesus, but in the end, he still trusted his wealth more than Jesus.

So, after using up his wealth and still not solving his problem, where could he find hope?

Jesus wanted him to understand what eternal life really is.

In John 17:1-3, after the Last Supper, Jesus prayed,  
"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Jesus wanted the rich man to walk with Him, to know Him more, to experience God's power in his life, and to live without fear or worry.

Eternal life means being with Jesus.

And Jesus is still with us today through the Holy Spirit. We can tell Him our worries and problems, and He will guide us.

Psalm 94 verse 9 says,  
"He who planted the ear, does he not hear?  
He who formed the eye, does he not see?"

In our lives, there are areas where we can't find solutions on our own. We may seek help from experts, try to solve things ourselves, or even get advice, but still, some problems just don't go away easily.

Often, we look at life only through what we have—our money, skills, or experience—and when we face unsolvable problems, we feel anxious and discouraged. No matter how much we try, material things or our abilities can't give us true peace. But still, we try to rely on our own strength and judgment to fix the situation.

When suffering reveals our limits, it can be hard to understand why certain things are happening. But God sees the bigger picture. He has plans that go beyond our understanding. What's important is that we turn our focus back to God, rediscover His plan, and grow deeper in our faith.

God knows our pain and is always with us, listening carefully. We are never alone. God is always ready to hear our prayers, so we can confidently bring everything to Him in prayer.

We ask God for immediate miracles and healing, but sometimes the answer doesn't come right away. During this time, we might feel disappointed or frustrated, but Jesus is always with us, deeply understanding our pain. Jesus loves us. His love doesn't change, no matter what situation we are in. Jesus is working in our lives, and in His way, He will answer our prayers.

Because we trust God, we don't give up. We live with hope and look at life in a positive way. To the disciples, the cross of Jesus seemed like a hopeless event. But after that, they met the risen Jesus and, through the Holy Spirit, they received a peace that the world could not give. They boldly lived out their faith and shared the gospel.

We should also have hope in God, while still living faithfully in the present. Even though problems and challenges remain, we don't focus on the problem but on God. We work faithfully with what we have today and trust God with the things we can't control. That is true faith, and that is eternal life.