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You Have To Let It Go

Mark 10:17-22 NKJV

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but one, that is, God. 19 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'"

20 And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

21 Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "one thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

22 But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Elsa fails to control her powers. With the coronation and the news of Anna's wedding to man she met that day causes Elsa's emotions to kick in, and everyone finds out about her powers. Running away she realizes since everyone knows there isn't a reason to hold back anymore, she can let go.

She creates a huge castle made of ice, because the cold doesn't bother her anyway. She lets loose with her powers. The ships in the harbor are locked in deep ice; the castle covered in newfound snow and the citizens all freezing. Elsa is blissfully unaware that what she has done wasn't what she thought, that everyone was affected by her actions.

GREAT NEWS!

You're not here by accident. God loves you. He loves you so much that He sent His son Jesus to pay for the things you have done wrong – for your sins. That's what separates us from God, sin. But you are so important to God that He sent His very best to save you because He wants you to have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus, His Son. It is very easy to have a relationship with Jesus; in fact it is just like your ABCs.

Admit

Admit to God that you are a sinner. Each of us has a problem the Bible calls sin. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Since none of us is perfect, all of us are sinners (Rom. 3:10- 18).

Believe

Believe in Jesus Christ as God's Son and receive Jesus' gift of forgiveness from sin. God loves each of us. God offers us salvation. Although we have done nothing to deserve His love and salvation, God wants to save us. In the death of Jesus on the cross, God provided salvation for all who would repent of their sins and believe in Jesus. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Confess

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to others. After you have received Jesus Christ into your life, share your decision with another person. Tell your pastor or a Christian friend about your decision. Following Christ's example, ask for baptism by immersion in your local church as a public expression of your faith. "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved" (Rom. 10:9-10).



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What holds us back in life holds us from Jesus

Jesus is teaching the crowds when a prominent man of the community comes forward. The bible doesn't tell his name but he approaches Jesus addressing Him in an odd way. The ruler calls Jesus good. That doesn't seem like much today but at that time no one was thought to be good but God. In calling Jesus good he was calling Jesus something more than just a teacher. After addressing Jesus with such a title he asks how can he receive eternal life?

Jesus gives him part of the answer. Simply put follow the ten commandments from the Old Testament. The ruler was quick to point out that is exactly what he has spent his life doing. As a matter of fact, he has done it since he was a youth. This was supposed to make Jesus feel like he was a great guy. Not only have I been good as an adult, I was good as a child.

Is that good enough?

Jesus looks at him and the bible says loved him. Jesus loved him even though the ruler didn't realize what was about to be said. How his ruler life was about to be changed for all eternity. This ruler's life was about to be changed for eternity. He thought he had the answers Jesus was looking for; here comes the big win for him! But it wasn't, Jesus said you have one more thing: go and sell everything. That wasn't all he was to give the proceeds to the poor and then come back.

Jesus was telling the rich young ruler, this thing you are wanting you have to give up the one thing that is holding you back: your possessions. Now this doesn't mean everyone should sell everything they own to give to the poor. The rich young ruler wasn't going to be able to serve Jesus because his priority wasn't Jesus, it was his possessions, and this was something Jesus knew. So He asked him to give up the one thing that would keep him from serving Jesus.

Life isn't about possessions. It isn't about what team you are on, who your friends are or what your parents do. Your life is about your relationship with Jesus. Anything that is between you and Him can't be to have that relationship. You have to let it go.

How do you let go? Ask Jesus what is keeping you from coming to church, reading your bible or treating people the way you know He wants you to treat them. Is it friends, sports or something else that is keeping you away from Jesus?

See, Jesus tells the rich young ruler this. Then the bible says something very sad happened; he walked away because he had great possessions. The rich young ruler realized that he wasn't going to give up the one thing that was holding him back from Jesus. He wasn't willing to let it go.

What do you need to do to let go? Is there something you are doing in your life that is affecting everyone else and you haven't realized it? What in your life is keeping you from getting close to Jesus?

MY PRAYER

Prayer: Jesus, please help me to let go of anything that is keeping me from knowing You. Everyday help me to see everyone as important, to share You with everyone and treat everyone the right way. Please help me to let go of anything that isn't right so that I can be the person You want me to be. Thank you Jesus.

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