

The Man Who Walked Away

Mark 10:17-28

Series: *“Cornerstone or Stumbling Stone?”*

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Mark 10:17–31 (CSB) - *As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”*

¹⁸“Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked him. “No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the

commandments: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother.”

²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth.”

²¹Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing: Go,

sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²***But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.***

²³***Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those***

who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were astonished at his words. Again Jesus said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter

the kingdom of God.”

²⁶They were even more astonished, saying to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

²⁷Looking at them, Jesus said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God.”

**4 MISTAKES that lead
people to walk away
from eternal life:**

1. They don't grasp the true identity of Jesus.

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Romans 3:10–18 (CSB) - *There is no one righteous, not even one. ¹¹There is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. ¹²All have turned away; all alike have become worthless. There is no one who does what is good, not even one. ¹³Their throat is an open grave; they deceive with their tongues. Vipers' venom is under their lips. ¹⁴Their mouth is full of*

***cursing and bitterness. ¹⁵Their feet are
swift to shed blood; ¹⁶ruin and
wretchedness are in their paths, ¹⁷and the
path of peace they have not known.
¹⁸There is no fear of God before their eyes.***

Psalm 100:5 (CSB) - *For the LORD is good,
and His faithful love endures forever.*

2. They don't allow the law to measure their obedience.

Mark 10:19-22 (CSB) – *You know the commandments: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother.”*

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²¹Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing: Go, sell

all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²*But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.*

Matthew 5:21–22 (CSB) - *“You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. ²²But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Whoever insults his brother or sister, will be subject to the court. Whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be subject to hellfire.”*

Matthew 5:27–28 (CSB) - *“You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery. ²⁸But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

**3. They're not willing to
surrender all that
Christ might ask.**

Mark 10:21-22 (CSB) - *Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”* ²²*But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.*

**4. They don't realize
this will involve a
miracle – the new birth.**

Mark 10:23-27 (CSB) – *Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”*

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John 3:3 (CSB) - *Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

James 1:18 (CSB) - *By His own choice, He gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.*