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## Has God Asked the Impossible?

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In Mark 10:17-22, Jesus meets a rich young man who asks about eternal life. Jesus tells the young man, “Go, sell all that you have and give to the poor.” The young man, as many of us, heard this command as too hard a burden. “Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.”

What do we make of commandments like this? Has God asked the impossible? We are tempted to think so. Perhaps God has set for us an unreachable standard. Maybe we should accept our human limits and learn to live in the practical reality where a person cannot sell all they have. Likewise, maybe we should learn that you can’t always tell the truth. You can’t always be loving. You can’t always be selfless. Isn’t that just the way it is?

Jesus responds to the thoughts of our hearts in this matter. He knows that this command, like so many others, will be hard to hear: “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” (v. 23) The disciples are shocked by his claim (v. 24). Perhaps they, like us, were expecting Jesus to explain it away. Instead, Jesus repeats himself even more broadly: “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God!”

Has God asked the impossible? The answer is, “Yes.” If you are trying to give enough or do enough or even love enough to merit God’s love, you are attempting the impossible. There will always be more that you can do. There will always be more pride you can conquer and more love you can show. If you are trying to reach the moral pinnacle of Jesus’s own life in hopes of having a seat to rest once you arrive, you will be sadly disappointed. There is nothing that a person may do to save themselves through good conduct or character alone. It just isn’t possible.

“Then who can be saved?” (v. 26) That is the question from us all. Can nothing be done? Are we all doomed? No, because God has only asked for what is impossible **for you**. However, he never suggested that you should try to do it by yourself.

“With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God” (v. 27). God is on our side! We are not trying to earn his favor by our own human power. First, God has sent his Son who has done what we could not. Second, God works with us to do all that he has commanded, “for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:12-13). Third, God has given us the church, a family of fellow-believers who work together with Christ to be light in this dark world. Fourth, even when we completely fail, Jesus has offered his blood to atone for those failures and to allow God to see not our sin but Christ’s righteousness.

All things are possible with God!

by Benjamin Williams

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes	9:30 am
Worship	10:30 am
Devotional	5:00 pm
Bible Classes	5:20 pm

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes	7:00 pm
Devotional	7:45 pm



## Monday Night for the Master

Every Monday Night  
Come When You Can  
6:30-ish to 8:00-ish  
Info: David Tenison  
or Ben Williams

### Planned for This Monday

- ⇒ Pill Bottles for Malawi (see Susan Yeager)
- ⇒ Organize “Back Pack for Kids” - fill bags for the kids
- ⇒ Decorate class rooms
- ⇒ Sorting Teacher’s Workroom (see Debbie Whitchurch)
- ⇒ Letter & card writing

### TIME TO GROW AND LEAD

The elders have determined to set before the congregation some opportunities for personal growth. Bobby Hill will be coordinating training classes on Sunday evenings this Fall for those who wish to learn how to serve. If you want to help in these areas, it is expected that you attend these classes.

- **October 18:** Training for Song Leaders (Part One)
- **October 26:** Training for Song Leaders (Part Two)
- **November 1:** Training for Ushers & Greeters
- **November 8:** Training for Writing/Delivering Devotionals

If you have ideas for more classes like these, please see Bobby Hill.



### BACK PACKS FOR KIDS

The program to provide food for underprivileged children in the Kiefer school district began last week. This is a weekly program and items will need to be replaced on a regular basis. If you would rather contribute financially, there is a container on the visitors desk in the foyer you can put that into. So far there are 40 children signed up for this program.



Items needed:

- Spaghetti & meatballs
- Lasagna
- Vienna sausage
- Juice boxes
- Plastic bags (like wal-mart bags)

### HIGH CHAIRS

There are about 4-5 white high chairs and a booster seat in the old foyer area that need a home. Feel free to take one with you.



#### Sunday, October 11

Elder’s and Deacon’s meeting at 3 pm

#### Sunday, October 25

Fellowship Meal after evening services with soup, salad, sandwiches—  
group Path  
Youth Devo

#### Saturday, October 31

Trunk-of-Treats, see Bruce or Bobby for details

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Marica Riggs is doing better, Keith reported on Friday that she should go home that day or on Saturday. (No meals are necessary.)
- Darrell Burcham had complications after his hip surgery. His hip seems to be healing okay, but he has kidney stones; these will need to be crushed and removed. He is in St Johns hospital room 1442.
- Darla Edwards' father, fell and hit his head, he started having dizzy spells and they found subdural hematoma on the brain and the pressure is chasing irregular heartbeats. He will follow up with a neurosurgeon.
- Mary Watson has been moved to the University Village for rehab after her mini strokes. She is in room 352.
- Robert Hallsted was scheduled to have knee surgery last Friday.
- Ruth Henry, as she continues her therapy on her ankle.
- Stephanie White's hyperbaric treatments are over; her next step will be a new stimulator to help ease the pain in her limbs.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear

**Long Term Prayer List:** Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Gene Bible (Bill Dowdy's uncle, liver cancer); Berta Wheatley (Marcia Hill's mother, stroke); Stephanie White (pain); Caleb Hallsted (kidney)

## PICTURES FOR DIRECTORY

Would the Kent and Whittlesey families please meet me in the old foyer area to have your pictures taken for the directory. Also, anyone else who needs an updated photo. Thanks, Karen



The youth will Not be traveling to the Youth Rally at Bartlesville today. Instead they will have a Devo here at the church building on Sunday Oct 25th. Details coming. For questions see Matt Caldwell.

## MEETINGS

- The 10th & Rockford congregation will host a Bible Seminar on Oct 16th-18th. The guest speaker is Kyle Butt from Apologetics Press.
- North Sheridan Oct 25-28
- The Sperry congregation will host a Bible Lectureship Oct 11-14  
Flyers are posted on the bulletin board.

## ELDERS & DEACONS

Elders and Deacons meeting today at 3:00 pm. Please check your boxes before the meeting.

## TRUNK-OF-TREATS

We will have the Trunk-of-Treats on Saturday, Oct 31 from 7-9 pm. There are a sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board in the old foyer. This is open to the community.

- ◇ Bring Candy—lots & lots
- ◇ Sign up to Decorate car
- ◇ Sign up to help facilitate
- ◇ Sign up to help feed volunteers
- ◇ Invite some kids
- ◇ For questions see Bruce or Bobby



## DID YOU GET A PHONE CALL?

Did you get a phone call a few days ago trying to let everyone know about the services for Betty Jo? If you did NOT get a call contact the office and we will put you on our calling list. With winter coming we may need to let everyone know if a service is canceled. Thank you! (Kent & Whittlesey families— you were added!)

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

James Hamilton, Oct 12	Eddie Whitchurch, Oct 24	Keith & Nancy Riggs, Oct 27
Kaci & Mark Martinez, Oct 15	Darrell & Cathy Burcham	Steve Rucquoy, Oct 28
Jenna Edwards, Oct 18	Noah Bain	Andrea Russell, Oct 29
Marilyn Pulliam, Oct 19	Daniel & Shawna Caddell, Oct 26	Autumn Cadwell, Oct 29
Dillon Myrick, Oct 21	Bert Shelby, Oct 26	Jackson Wadkins, Oct 29

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## Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	135
Sunday AM Worship	159
Sunday PM Worship	100
Wednesday Bible Classes	97

## Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$4,666
Budget	\$4,371
Over Budget	\$12,021
Building Fund	\$6,123

## Men To Serve

### Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Topper Causby
Scripture Reading	Ian Hill
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter
Lord's Table	Steve Rucquoy Randy Crawford Todd Khoury Keith Riggs Jerry Morgan Edwin Whittlesey

### Sound Booth

Michael Brown
Bill & Deb Path
Johnny & Marcia Riggs

### Ushers

Bob Simmons  
Richard Senn

### Lock Building

Bob Simmons and Jim Yeager

### Announcements

James Hamilton with Bruce Rothell as back up

### Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Bill Path, Sr
Closing Prayer	David Tenison
Lord's Table	Randy Crawford Todd Khoury

### Wednesday Evening

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Jeff Bullinger
Closing Prayer	Ryan McCafferty
Sound Booth	Michael Brown

### Shut-in Communion

Team Path

## Communion Preparation

10/11	Stephanie Bullinger
10/18	Nancy Riggs
10/25	Shirley Hill
11/1	Rita Risley
11/8	Renee Whitchurch
11/15	Mickey Hecht

## Attended Nursery

10/11	Sandra & Nancy
10/18	Stephanie & Mackayla
10/25	Tonya & Toni
11/1	Debbie & Autumn
11/8	Bobby & Shirley
11/15	Melissa & Makenzie



"These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 am  
Channel 47  
In Truth in Love 8:00 am  
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## Sunday Morning Sermon

"True & Better: Christ the Message"  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Benjamin Williams

## Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 57

Sunday Evening Adult Class:  
"The Church of Christ"  
Benjamin Williams