



Week 1: Action/Adventure

When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

~ Mark 10:14

Mark 10:17-22

¹⁷As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²²At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

We don't have to **WALK AWAY SAD.**

Jesus' call to adventure moves us...

...from focusing on what we are **OWED**
to what we **SURRENDER.**

...from seeking **COMFORT** to
embracing **RISK.**

...from cold **OBSERVANCE** to
passionate **PURSUIT.**

²⁹"Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

~ Mark 10:29-31

Don't call everything a conspiracy, like they do, and don't live in dread of what frightens them.

~ Isaiah 8:12, NLT

Where are you tempted to walk away sad?

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

- What is your favorite action/adventure movie? What resonates with you most about that story?
- What is the most adventurous thing you have ever done or experienced?
- Read Mark 10:13-31.
 - What contrasts do you see between the children, the rich young man, and the disciples?
 - What sticks out to you the most from this passage? What might Holy Spirit be saying to you through that element?
- Pastor Jeremiah said, "Some of us are so desperate for adventure, we create action (drama) wherever we go." How can this be problematic? What are spaces tried to create "action" rather than living into the adventure God already has for you?
- We were asked to identify where we're most tempted to "walk away sad"—the spaces where we are invited to bring the good things Jesus gives us under submission to his leadership.
 - What was one area you identified?
 - What is one thing you can do in that area to demonstrate trust and surrender?
 - Invite one person you trust to pray with and for you as you live into this in the week ahead.

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