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Failure to Launch

Matthew 19:16-22

Series: Joining Jesus on His Mission

Central Passage

Matthew 19:21–22 (ESV) — 21 Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Central Thought: Joining Jesus on his mission requires a willingness to let go of whatever and whoever would hold us back from following him.

- ❖ Jesus calls us out of diluted desire toward our divine destiny.

- *If you would be perfect...*

Matthew 4:18–20 (ESV) — 18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

- ❖ Jesus calls us to consider the temporal in light of the eternal.

- *You will have treasure in heaven...*

Luke 18:29–30 (ESV) — 29 And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

- ❖ Jesus calls us to move beyond religious obligation to a passionate pursuit of him.

- *Come, follow me...*

Matthew 11:28–30 (ESV) — 28 *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*"

Homework/Questions

- ❖ Read and reflect on this week's passage and it's parallels in Mark 10:17-31 and Luke 18:18-30.
- ❖ Prayerfully reflect on what or who is keeping you from fully joining Jesus on his mission.
- ❖ Prayerfully consider where you are settling for less than the life God created you for.