

## 28<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

So – if I asked you “What must we do to gain eternal life?” What would you say?

Man at the Pearly Gates – St Peter – you need 100 points to get in.

I was a faithful husband – 1 point

I raised 3 kids, all still go to church – 1 point

I worked at the food pantry – 1 point

I was in a bible study – 1 point

But for the Love of Christ I can't get into heaven – 100 points!

**We get into heaven because of the love of Christ**

That's why PS90 was “Fill us with your love O Lord and we will sing for joy”

The Rich Young Man had a good heart, he kept the commandments

JC looks at him ***and loves him.*** And because He loves him:

JC tells the Rich Young Man that ONE MORE THING he should do

There are moments in each of our lives when God calls us to greater holiness

To do that ONE MORE THING

To forgive your sister

To say your sorry to a co-worker

To help a neighbor you don't like

To share more of your time and resources

The young man goes away sad, for he had many possessions

That ONE MORE THING may be really hard

But Jesus says NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

Even forgiving someone ***or*** asking to be forgiven

Jews believed being rich was a sign of God's favor

JC – “How hard it is for the wealthy to enter the Kingdom”

Disciples amazed! So JC says *Camel Eye*

Disciples were **exceedingly** astonished!

*Then who can be saved?* If a rich person (clearly with God's favor) can't do it -

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

Listen - This isn't about being rich

Its about being more attached to other things than to God

What is getting in the way of our coming closer to Jesus?

If God were to say to you ONE MORE THING I ASK OF YOU

What would it be

Jesus teaches them that ***its not what you have that's important***

Rather, ***its what you give up that's important*** - because you get'em back 100 fold

1. What do you get back?

Everything **except FATHERS** (there's only 1)

2. Why do you give it up?

For Christ sake and sake of Gospel

*Not for eternal life*

You do it for love of God & heaven follows

3. How do you get it back? 100 fold - *with persecution* (we'll carry our cross)

Source of our Victory