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The One Thing You Lack

Luke 18.18-30

A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone..." Luke 18.18-19

Truths and challenges from Jesus:

- No one is **GOOD ENOUGH** to be saved.

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."... "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3.10-12, 23

- What do I **LACK**?

"You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." Luke 18.22

Jesus puts his finger on the thing this man loves more than following him. The question becomes: ***What occupies that place in my life?***

- 'Inherit' implies that one **BELONGS** to a **FAMILY**.

Belonging to the family of God requires **FOLLOWING JESUS** and **PARTICIPATING** in his **MISSION**.

Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!" Luke 18.28

- A large part of Jesus' mission is ministry to the **POOR** and **MARGINALIZED**. (Luke 4.18-19)

*In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, ... ***Their only suggestion was that we keep on helping the poor, which I have always been eager to do.**** Galatians 2.9-10

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!
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