



SERIES: DECISIONS THAT HEAL

THE DECISION TO RESIGN

Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

(Matthew 19:21 NIV)



In this fifth week of our series, we're going to talk about the importance of making the decision to let go, inspired by the story of the rich young man. Sometimes, we hold on so tightly to our possessions, ambitions, or even habits that we miss out on the true freedom that Jesus offers us.



Recognize what binds us

Idols: Identify if there is something in your life that takes the place of God. It could be spending too much time on the phone, obsessing about winning or being the best at something, or putting someone above God.

Accept the truth: Accept that these things, although important, keep us from having a close relationship with God. (Matthew 6:33)

Check your heart: Ask yourself if you are willing to put God first in your life



The Call to Renounce

Obedience: Sometimes, like the rich young ruler, we need to make tough decisions to truly follow Jesus. We don't always need to understand everything to obey.

Trust in God: Believe that God has a better plan for you than what you can see now.

Letting Go of Control: Renouncing means trusting God and letting Him guide your life.



The Path to Freedom

Spiritual Freedom: When we let go of what binds us, we find true freedom that brings us closer to God. (John 8:32)

Heavenly Wealth: Jesus says that by letting go of earthly things, we gain treasures in heaven. (Matthew 6:19-20)

Fullness of Life: True happiness and fulfillment come from following Jesus wholeheartedly. (Colossians 2:9)



Other Benefits of Renouncing

Peace: When we let go of our worries and trust in God, we receive a special peace that makes us feel good inside. (Philippians 4:6-7)

Purpose and Direction: By trusting in God's plans for us, we find a life filled with purpose and direction. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Letting go of what holds us back is not easy, but it is important to following Jesus. Like the young rich ruler, we need to decide if we are ready to let go of what binds us for Christ. When we do, we find true freedom, peace, and purpose. Let us ask God to help us let go and follow Him with all our hearts.



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The Rich Young Man



"It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Mark 10:25 (NIV)

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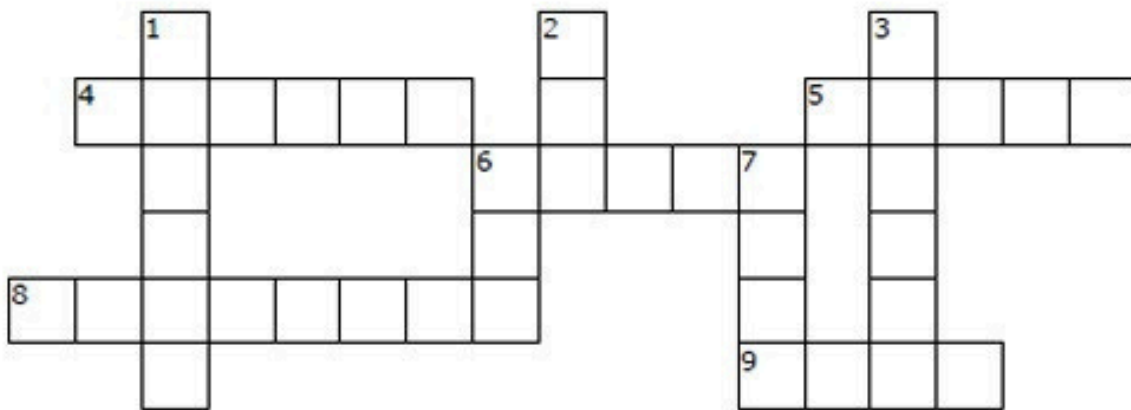
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ACROSS

4. A small, slender implement used for sewing
5. A long-necked animal with humps
6. To go into
8. Something considered to be especially precious or valuable
9. Difficult; requiring considerable skill or effort

DOWN

1. The home of God and the angels
2. An adult male human
3. Less difficult; something accomplished with little effort
6. An opening in a needle
7. Possessing great material wealth

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