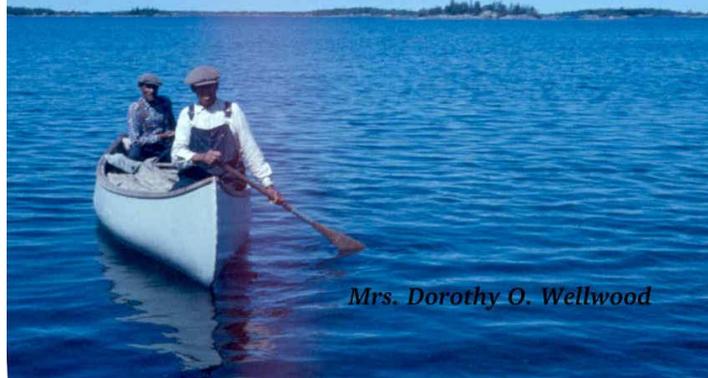


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LESSON 38

MARK 10:23-27

REVIEW:

In the last lesson Jesus talked about children. (Mark 10:13-16)

How important is it for us to have simple faith like a little child? (Mark 10:15)

The rich young ruler in Mark 10:17-22 had great riches, but he lost

(verse 17), and he lost (verse 21), because he would not give away his riches and take up his and follow . (verse 21)

The rich young ruler was willing to do many good things, but Jesus showed him that good works were not enough to get him to heaven. He needed to believe in Jesus enough to give himself and all he had to Jesus just as Simon and Andrew and John and James and Levi had done.

READ MARK 10:23-27

HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN

Jesus was still talking about getting into the kingdom of God. The young man had gone home, but Jesus was still sad. The rich young ruler thought his money was better than following Jesus. Jesus still loved that young man and wanted him for one of His disciples, but he would not come.

1. Who did Jesus talk to in verse 23?
2. Who has a hard time to get into the kingdom of God?
3. What did the disciples think about Jesus' words (verse 24)?

The Jews thought that if a man was rich, it meant that God was good to him. They did not think that God was good to poor people too. They did not remember that Jesus once said,

"Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man (Jesus) did not even have a place to lay His head."

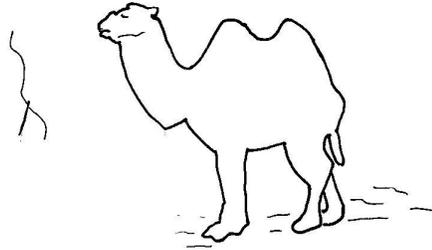
4. What did Jesus call His disciples in verse 24?

Many times the disciples did not understand what Jesus meant. They were not grown up in spirit yet. Jesus lovingly called them children.

5. In verse 24 Jesus said the same thing but added something more. Fill in the blanks from verse 24:

“Children, how hard is it for them _____.”

6. In verse 25, Jesus said something was impossible. How big is a camel? Most camels are bigger than a horse. They are bigger than a moose. How small is the eye of a needle? Could a big camel get through the hole in your bead needle?



In verse 25, Jesus said,

“It is easier for a _____ to go through the _____ of a _____ than for a _____ to enter into the _____.”

Trust in riches blocks the mind to trust in the grace of God.

7. By this it looks as though Jesus said it is impossible for a rich man to get into heaven. A camel might try forever to squeeze through the eye of a needle. Jesus said that it is no more possible for a rich man to push himself into the kingdom of God. All his money cannot buy heaven for him. He cannot get in by himself. It is impossible.

But what did Jesus go on to say in verse 27?

“With men it is _____ but not with God; for with God _____.”

Praise God for His wonderful grace. **All things are possible with God.** It is possible for God to do what we cannot do. He sent Jesus to die for our sins so it would be possible for us to go to heaven.

Only God can forgive our sins. Only God can get us unto heaven. We can no more get ourselves into heaven than a camel can get himself through the little hole in a needle.

8. How did the disciples feel when Jesus told them a rich man could not get to heaven by himself? (verse 26) "They were _____."

9. What question did they ask each other? (verse 26)

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Jesus was still teaching them about the rich young ruler. That young man was trying to get to heaven by his own good works. He was like the camel trying to get through the eye of a needle. It could not be done.

The disciples learned something new. The rich young ruler wanted to obey God, but he wanted to love his money at the same time.

10. In verse 23, what did Jesus do before He spoke to His disciples?

"Jesus _____."

In verse 27, what did Jesus do before He said something to His disciples?

"Jesus _____."

Jesus looked around at His disciples to make sure they were all listening carefully. He wanted them to be sure to listen to what He was going to say.

11. Memorize verse 27, then write it down.

*FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH;
AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES:
IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD;
NOT OF WORKS,
LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST.*

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