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**“Miracles”** | Luke 18:18-30

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And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 19 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 20 You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’” 21 And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” 22 When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 23 But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. 24 Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” 26 Those who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?” 27 But he said, “What is impossible with men is possible with God.” 28 And Peter said, “See, we have left our homes and followed you.” 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.”

### The Point:

The greatest miracle of all is salvation.

Many cannot experience the miracle of salvation because of misplaced assumptions.

God will the power of His change in your life when, by His power, these assumptions are removed.

## **In EXPERIENCING the Greatest Miracle of All We Must:**

### **1. Approach God without an assumption of entitlement**

**What makes us think we could? (have eternal life)**

**What would make us think we should? (get eternal life)**

**What makes us think God would? (give us eternal life)**

**The Jews reserved the word good for God (Ps. 25:8; 34:8; 86:5; 106:1)**

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**2. Accept that our lack is in the affections of our heart before it is a lack in the actions of our lives.**

**Sins come from SIN**

**He used 5th -9th commandments, left out the 10th (covet)**

**Jesus knew the young man's heart, so instead of preaching to him about covetousness, He asked him to do something that a covetous person would not do!**

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### **3. Apprehend the reality that God does not work on a merit system.**

God does not estimate He's exact. (even if you are sedulous)  
Interestingly, he asked Jesus to give him something to do to inherit eternal life. But, when Jesus gave him something to do, he refused to obey! He wanted salvation on his terms, not God's.

Selling and following were two aspects of the same command. The command to sell all was the ruler's first step in following Christ.

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**4. Acknowledge that coming to the end of what you can do is actually the beginning of experiencing all that Jesus can do.**

**Luke the physician used the Greek term for “surgeon’s needle.”**

**Jews believed that riches were a mark of God’s blessing**

**The eye of a needle = IMPOSSIBLE TO SAVE YOURSELF!**

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