

# GOD WITH US



Key Scripture: Luke 18:18-30

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## WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

- 1) Why did the ruler ask how to inherit eternal life?
  - Nothing in the world lasts forever.
- 2) Why does Jesus answer as he does?
  - To reveal the choice between the world and the Kingdom of God.
- 3) Why did the ruler walk away sad?
  - Earthly wealth was valued more than eternal life.
- 4) Why do riches make it difficult to enter the Kingdom of God?
  - Riches make it easier to love the world.

Luke 16:13 ... “*No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*”

## Further Study

1. The rich young ruler and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) have opposite reactions to their encounter with Jesus. Does your life more closely resemble the rich young ruler or Zacchaeus? In what ways?
2. For the rich young ruler, his wealth was holding him back from following Jesus, but that is not the case for everyone (John 3, Luke 4:16-30, Luke 9:57-62, John 6:22-71). Is there something holding you back from following Jesus?

## Scripture to Pray

**Matthew 13:44-46**

*“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”*

*“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”*

## From the Resources

“All that I am,  
and all I have  
Shall be for ever Thine,  
Whate’er my duty bids me give,  
My cheerful hands resign;

And if I could make  
some reserve,  
And duty did not call,  
I’d love my God  
with zeal so great  
That I must give Him all.”

- C.H. Spurgeon  
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