

## Daily Devotional, April 13, 2021 Jesus' Unfailing Love

***“Jesus looked at him and loved him.” Mark 10:21***

In the story of the rich young ruler in Mark 10, we see a Bible character we can relate to all too well. Through him, we are given a short yet powerful insight into how Jesus views us even when we are in the wrong. I find that this story, and in particular this section of Mark, quite powerful and persuasive. Jesus is in the midst of setting out on the final acts of His earthly ministry when this man walks up to Him seeking answers, and Jesus knows this rich young man's heart without him saying a word. Christ knows what the man values, He knows what the man covets, and He knows what the powerful man seeks.

This man asked Jesus, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” At one time or another, we all struggle with this same question of assurance no matter where we are in our walk with the Lord. Yes, that's right, *all* of us dwell on this question at times, and want to have a blessed assurance that leads us to a peace that surpasses all understanding. However, we don't always get the epiphany we desire. Sometimes we get a perceived silence that should lead us back to opening up God's word and familiarizing ourselves with what our Father has told us.

The young man in this story had wealth, power, and great success, yet he yearned for something else, something more. Does any of that sound familiar? No matter our ranking on any of the power, success, and wealth scales, if we are honest with ourselves, it does. We are *all* in want for something more. regardless of our station in life.

The great hope in all of this is how Christ, knowing the young man's heart, looked upon him and loved him. Do you hear and understand that?! He loved him! This man was seeking something, and Christ knew his heart. More importantly Jesus knew what was hindering this man's faith. Knowing all this, He still loved him. Think about that, Jesus' default position towards us is love even though He knows everything that hinders us. Christ in His wonderful and merciful love is able to see our hearts, our hurts and our wants and yet, still love us.

Jesus loves you! He loves you with a love that transcends the earthly love that is so familiar and flawed. His love is all-knowing and yet still all-loving. This is the model of what our love for others should be, but admittedly this will always be something we fail at, and we need to aspire to. Let us thank God for His love and for His word and for the Spirit who brings that love to life in our lives today.

***Prayer: Thank You LORD, for Your unfailing love for me, Your blessings, and goodness. Thank You for Your faithfulness to guide me and see me through times of uncertainty, for lifting me up, and setting me on higher ground. Thank you for taking away my fears and worries and reminding me that my help comes from You. May I be able to share this type of love with all those I meet. These things I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.***