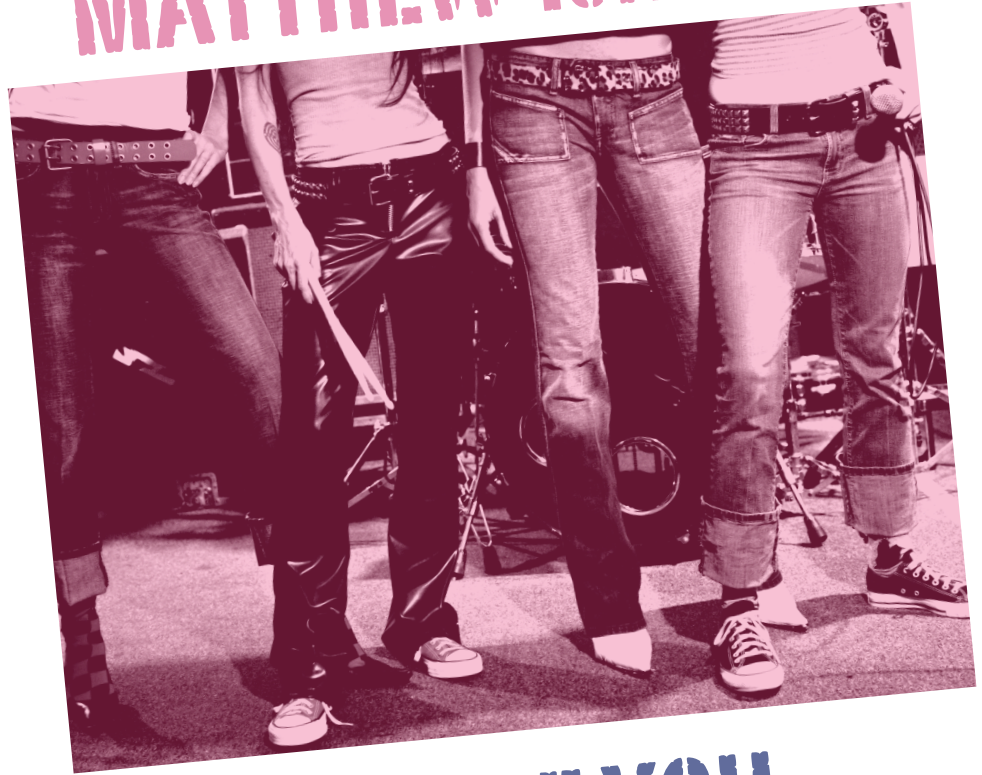


Notes:

MATTHEW 19:16-26



★ **WHAT ARE YOU
LIVING YOUR LIFE FOR?**

MATTHEW 19:21

“If you want to give it all you’ve got,” Jesus replied, “go sell your possessions; give everything to the poor. All your wealth will be in heaven. Then come follow me.” (NIV)

WOULD YOU RATHER...

- ★ ... be stranded on an island alone, or with someone you hate?
- ★ ... be the smartest person in the world, or the most popular?
- ★ ... get punched in the stomach really hard, or have someone sneeze directly into your face?
- ★ ... be able to stop time, or be able to fly?
- ★ ... be an expert at playing the accordion, or be just average at playing guitar?
- ★ ... have to eat a stick of butter, or a pail of ice cream all at once?
- ★ ... live without music or TV for the rest of your life?
- ★ ... give up your pet, or your cell phone?
- ★ ... end world hunger, or end hatred?
- ★ ... find a cure for cancer, or find a cure for AIDS?
- ★ ... be caught singing in the mirror, or spying on your crush?
- ★ ... find true love, or win 10 million dollars?
- ★ ... give bad advice, or take someone else's bad advice?
- ★ ... live your life for God, or live it for yourself?

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT MATTHEW 19:16-26

UHHH... WHAT?!?!

I don't want to live without my stuff. I don't want to sell everything I've got and live with nothing. This can't be what God wants....

- ★ Why do you think the rich young man walked away sad?
- ★ Why would it be so hard for him to sell his possessions?
- ★ In vs. 18-20 we see that he's a good man, he doesn't lie, cheat or steal. So why would he be asking what else must he do?
- ★ Have you ever felt unfulfilled in your life?

NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS. EITHER HE WILL HATE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE BOTH GOD AND MONEY. MATT. 6:24 (NIV)

- ★ Do you have anything material you are holding onto that prevents you from following after God?
- ★ What is it worth to you to follow after God? Are you willing to go any length to follow him
- ★ Do you think this passage really means that you need to sell all your stuff to follow God?

I THINK I GET IT...

God may not ask you to sell all your stuff and go live in a rainforest or dessert to teach others about Him, but he will ask you to step outside of your comfort zone to share His love with someone. He might ask you to do some really difficult stuff. Will you say yes?