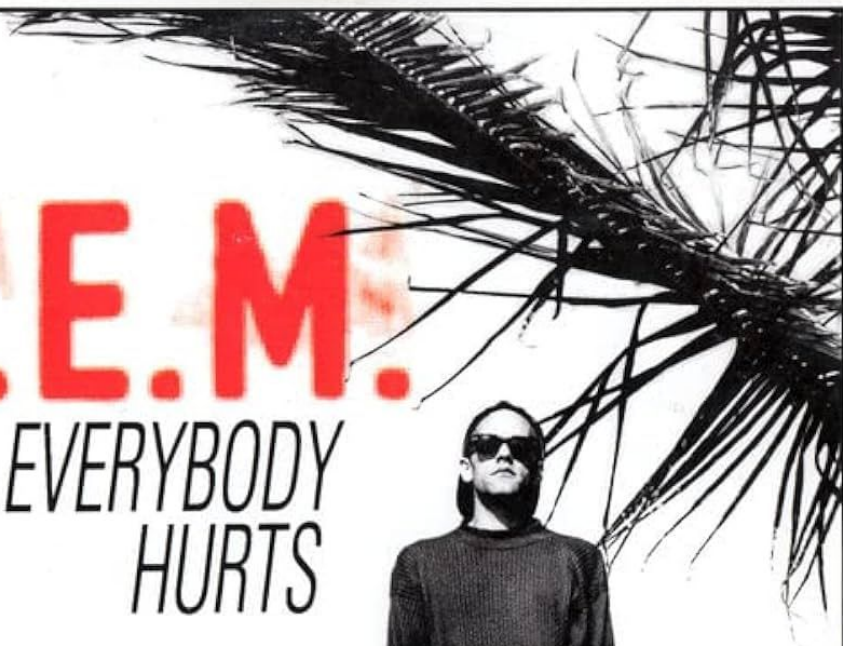


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*EVERYBODY
HURTS*



A black and white photograph of a man in a dark suit and white shirt, seen from the side, playing a white grand piano. He is wearing large headphones and has a focused expression. The background is dark with some out-of-focus lights. The text 'NOBODY SAID IT WAS EASY' is overlaid in red, stylized, hand-drawn letters in the upper right quadrant.

**NOBODY SAID
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AZ QUOTES



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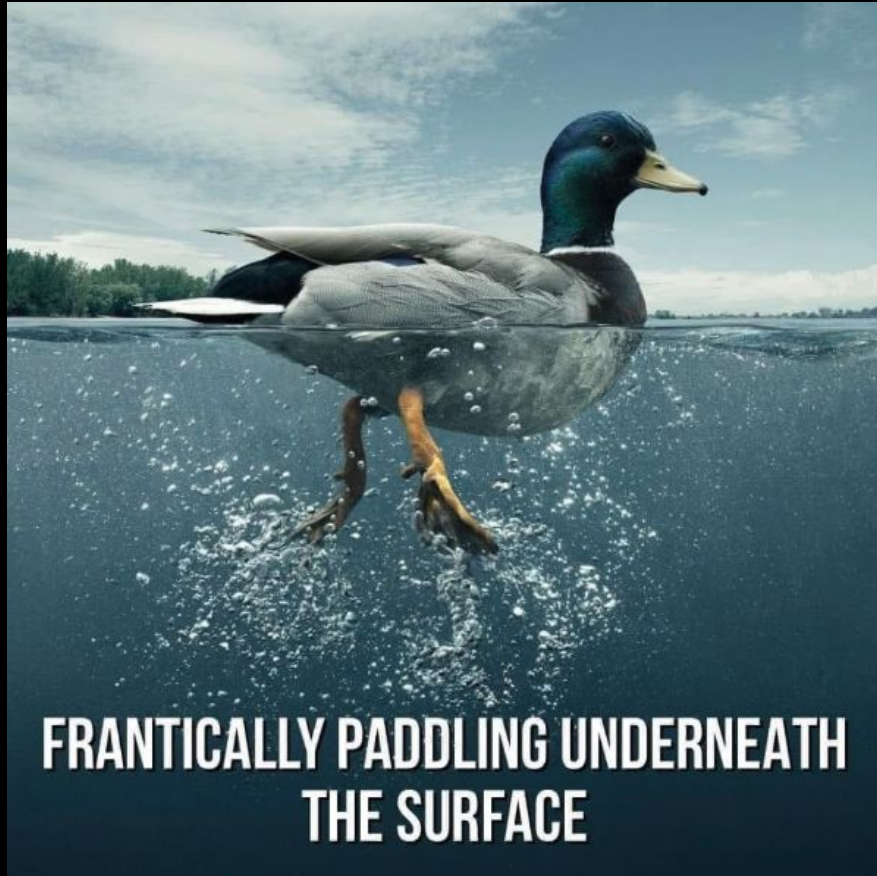


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Isn't that interesting? This young man dared to say to the Lord of heaven and earth, "I have kept your law since I was a boy," but despite his misplaced self-confidence, Jesus loved him.

Why did Jesus react this way? Was it because He was happy to have finally found an Israelite in whom there was no guile, someone who had kept the law scrupulously and therefore had earned Jesus' love? No, of course not...

Rather, I think Jesus felt compassion for the man. I do not believe the rich young ruler was arrogant. He really wanted to know how to inherit eternal life and he really believed that he had kept the law. In short, he was thoroughly lost, and whenever our Lord met people who were as lost as this man, He reacted with compassion. We have already seen several examples of Jesus' compassion in Mark's gospel (1:41; 6:34; 8:2), and I think we are seeing it again here."

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As we think through what Jesus was saying here, we must understand that He was not setting down a universal rule. He was not saying that anyone who wishes to be saved must divest himself of all private property and become an ascetic, living in poverty and self-denial. Rather, He was addressing a specific person with unique heart attitudes.

In a sense, Jesus was taking the rich young ruler to the first table of the Ten Commandments.

In essence, He was saying to him: “You say you have kept all of the law. What about the first commandment: ‘You shall have no other gods before Me’?” (Ex. 20:3). Jesus knew that money was this man’s god. He probably went to synagogue. Maybe he went to temple worship. But all week long, his mind was consumed with questions of wealth. His money ranked ahead of God.

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Exodus 20:1-3

The Ten Commandments

¹ And God spoke all these words:

² “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

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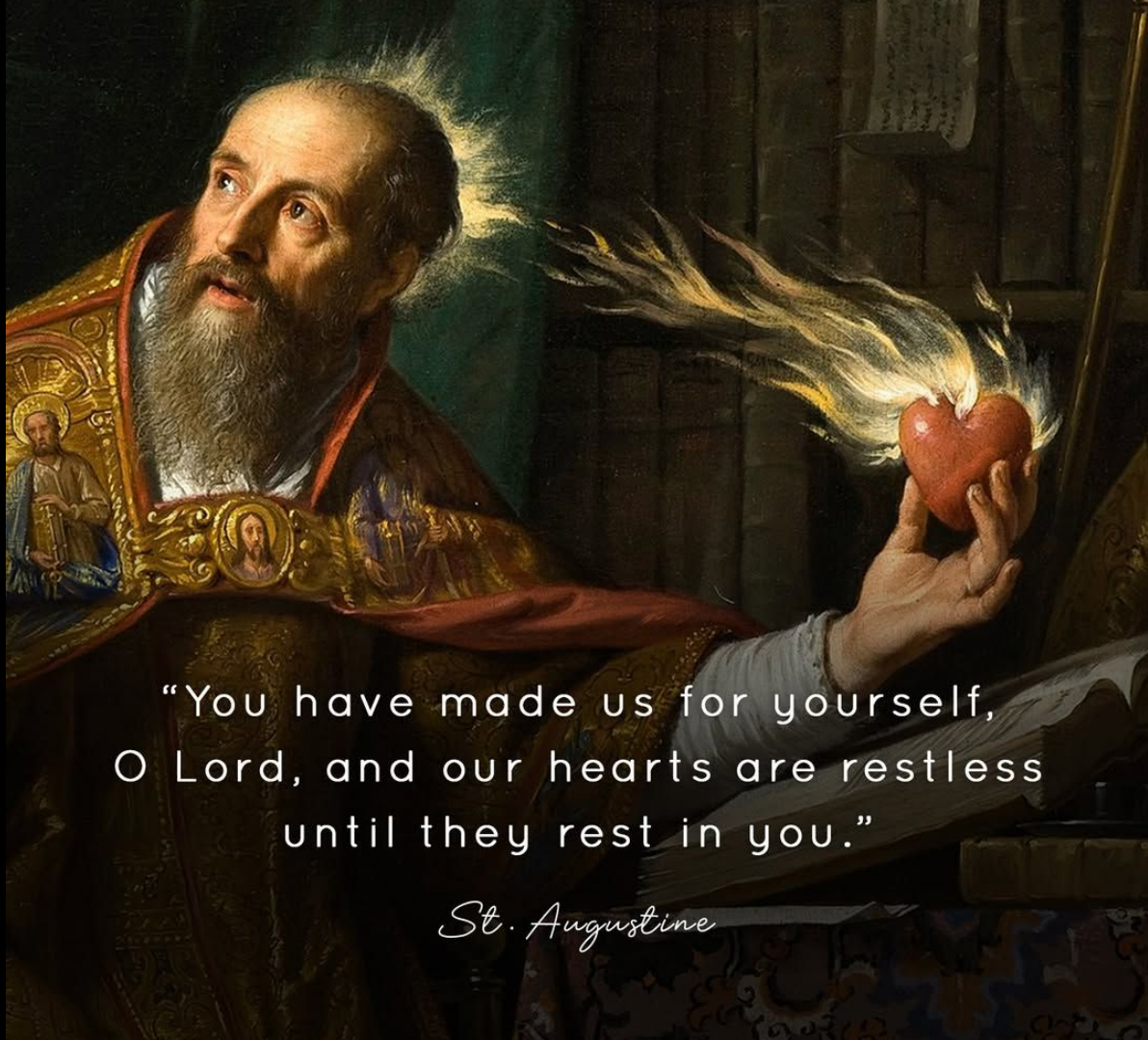


LOVE



TRUST





“You have made us for yourself,
O Lord, and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you.”

St. Augustine

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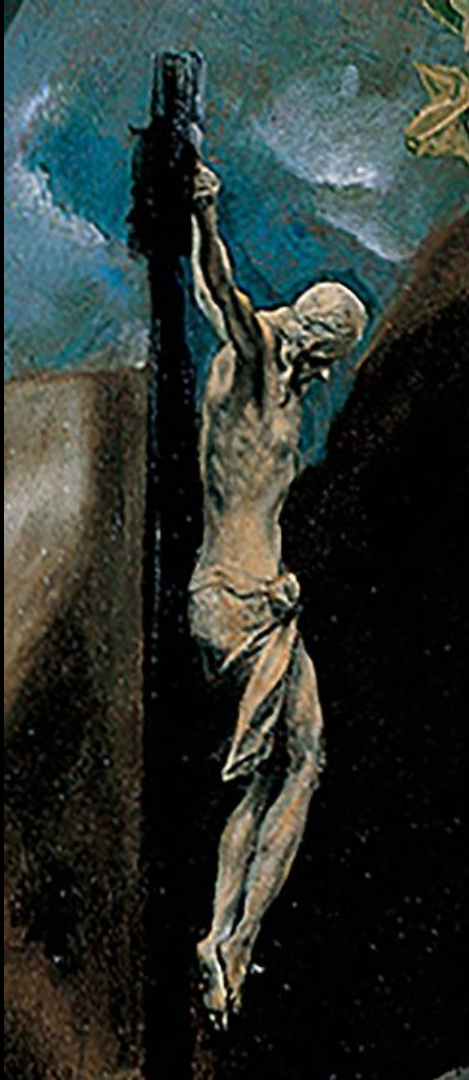
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He reminds us that it is childlike simplicity and trust that marks those who belong to God's kingdom. Intellectual sophistication, physical abilities, social popularity, or any of the world's ways of assessing worth are not the scale by which God measures significance and welcomes people into his presence."

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Humanly speaking, no one can be saved. But with God, salvation is possible even for the one who has entrusted himself wholeheartedly to material wealth. It may be difficult, but the Holy Spirit intervenes in the lives of people and cuts through the hardness of their hearts. By God's power and grace, a camel can go through the eye of a needle, in a manner of speaking."

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*The Great
Divorce*

C·S· LEWIS



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Where is Jesus inviting me to stop striving to achieve peace and instead receive Him like a child receives a gift?



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