



HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY





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# Are You Challenging *My* Assumptions?!

- Christianity is mainly rule-keeping
- Christianity is external behavior management
- Christianity is moral restraint through willpower
- Christianity is primarily intellectual assent

# Childlike Faith

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“To receive the kingdom of God as a child is to receive it as one who has no credits, no clout, no claims. A little child has absolutely nothing to bring, and whatever a child receives, he or she receives by grace on the basis of sheer neediness rather than by any merit inherent in him- or herself. Little children are paradigmatic disciples, for only empty hands can be filled.

# Good Teacher

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**JOEY DOESN'T SHARE FOOD!**

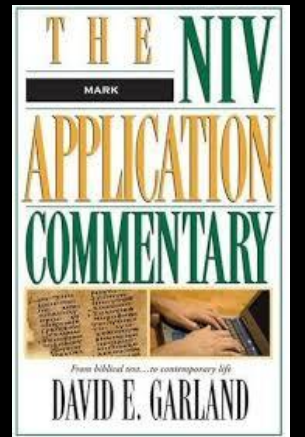
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““The rich man believed that his obedience was complete and wanted confirmation from a respected teacher, renowned for his preaching about the kingdom of God, to make sure. The disciples learn that salvation is beyond human power to achieve.

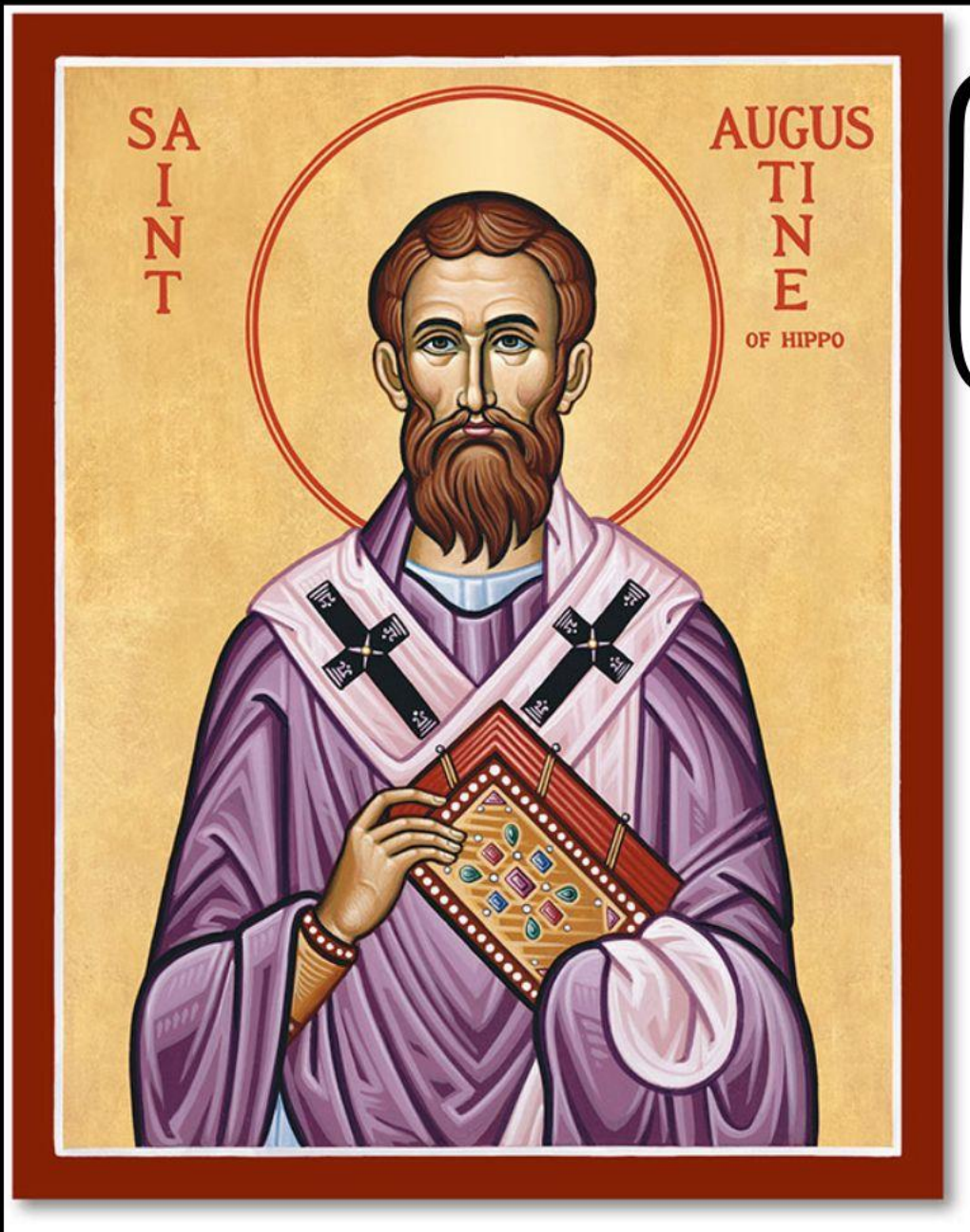


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# Your Loss is Gain

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“ [The] man’s great wealth prevented the helpless, childlike dependence that Jesus had just said was necessary for kingdom entrance. This is not general advice for all believers, though it was appropriate in this instance. Jesus always demands that those who come to him put away their gods, whether they be possessions, position, power, a person, or a passion!



**“You are what you love”**

**MIND**

**WILL**

**AFFECTIONS**

**CONSCIENCE**



## Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

## Proverbs 4:23

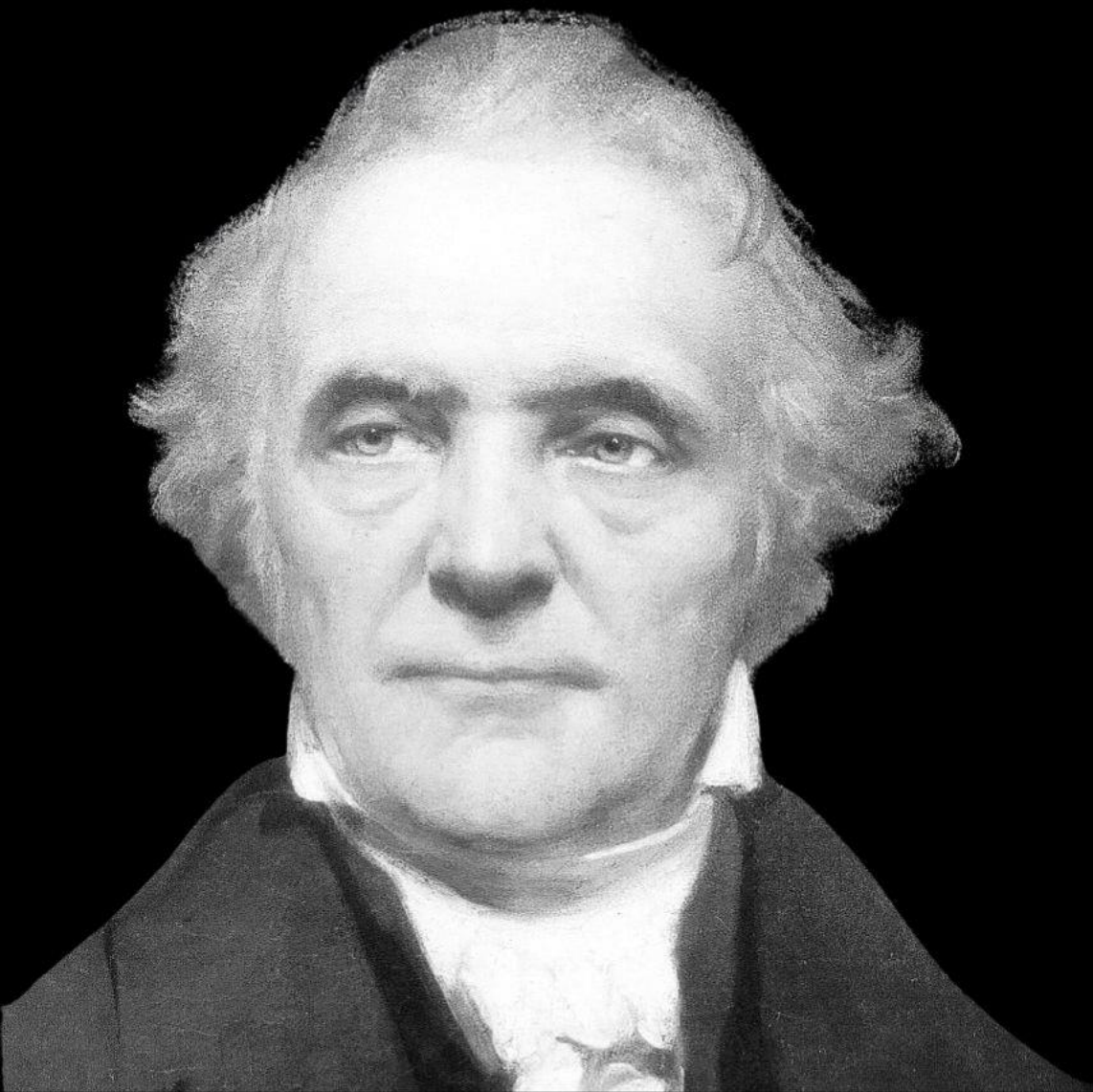
Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.



**“I've poured  
my whole life  
into this lawn.  
My heart, my  
soul, the...  
tender feelings  
I've held back  
from my  
family.”**

**-Hank Hill**





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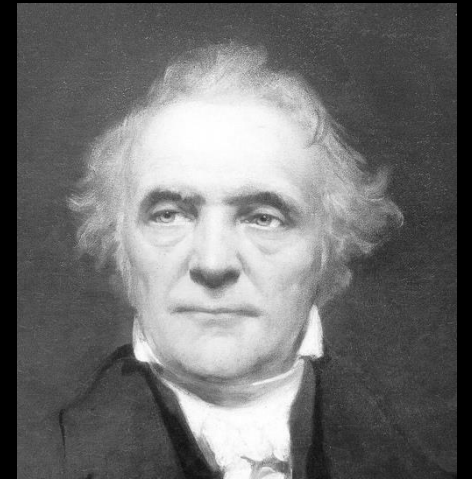
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““The love of the world cannot be expunged by a mere demonstration of the world's worthlessness. But may it not be supplanted by the love of that which is more worthy than itself?”



-Thomas Chalmers, *The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*

“ It is when released from the spirit of bondage with which love cannot dwell, and when admitted into the number of God's children through the faith that is in Christ Jesus, the spirit of adoption is poured upon us - it is then that the heart, brought under the mastery of one great and predominant affection, is delivered from the tyranny of its former desires, in the only way in which deliverance is possible.

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## Ezekiel 36:25-27

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.



# The Parable of Hidden Treasure

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

(Matthew 13:45)

## Lydia Sees Jesus (Acts 16:13-15)

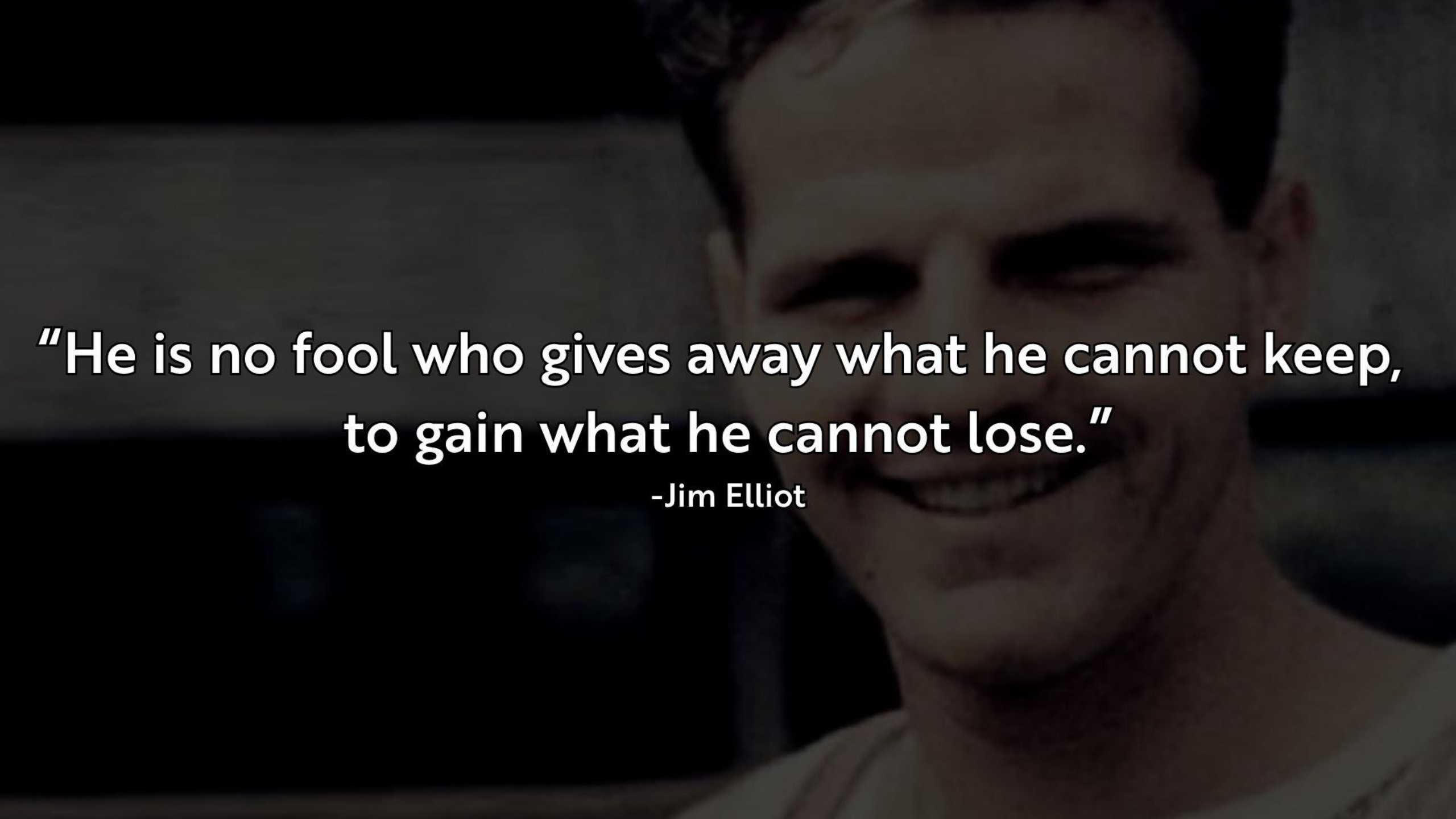
14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

## Philippians 3:5-9

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

# Philippians 3:5-9

7 But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. 8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.



**"He is no fool who gives away what he cannot keep,  
to gain what he cannot lose."**

**-Jim Elliot**

## Luke 23:34

34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

# Gospel Response

***Start:*** The Rich Young Ruler is a tragic figure. You don't have to be.

***Strengthen:*** Guard your heart by identifying and giving up the things you love more than Jesus.