MARK: THE JESUS YOU NEED TO KNOW – PART 8
"THE GREAT REVERSAL"
SCRIPTURE: MARK 10:1-10:52
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INTRODUCTION

- Just let people do what they're going to do.
- Sounds simple… until it's someone you love.
- But following Jesus is a lifelong journey of letting go.
- Sometimes the deepest act of faith is not holding on tighter, it's trusting Jesus enough to let go.
- What are you holding on to that Jesus is asking you to release?

I. CONTROL

- Mark 10:5 NLT, But Jesus responded, "He wrote this commandment only as a concession to your hard hearts."
- Mark 10:6-12 NLT - Jesus points back to God's design, exposing their loopholes.
- When we attempt to stay in control our hearts will continue to harden.
- Repentance and forgiveness through surrender to Jesus is the only pathway to a soft heart.
- If we're not surrendered to the conviction of the Spirit, we will…Disguise Control as righteousness.
- When we can't control God, we try to control His Word.

II. STATUS

- Mark 10:14-16 NLT, "…He said to them, "Let the children come to Me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. 15 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." 16 Then He took the children in His arms and placed His hands on their heads and blessed them."
- Jesus is demonstrating that life in His Kingdom is received, not achieved.

III. POSSESSION

- Rich Young Ruler - Mark 10:17-20 NLT
- Followed all the laws, identifies Jesus as Lord, does all the right stuff, acknowledges salvation isn't something earned.
- Two Weeks ago, we said – It is possible to identify who Jesus is without understanding what it actually means.
- Mark 10:21-25 NLT - Disciples – Then who can be saved?
- Like us, he wants eternal life without surrender.
- The things we struggle to surrender are the things we trust most.
- Mark 10:29-31 NLT - There will be suffering in the surrender, but in His Kingdom, suffering is the pathway to life.

IV. POWER

- Suffering Servant; Death Prediction - Mark 10:32-34
- Asking for Glory - Mark 10:35-45
- Jesus redefines greatness again - Mark 10:38-45 NLT
- Greatness is not position—it is posture, the posture of a servant.

CLOSE

- Mark 10:51-52, "What do you want Me to do for you?" Jesus asked…"I want to see!" 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road."
- True sight leads to surrender.
  - Surrender – follow Jesus fully
  - Release – let go of what He's asking for
  - Serve – take the lower place
  - Take a Step – Following Jesus requires movement.