

# Grace Devotion

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**Week of October 13, 2024**

Pastor Fred Young

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*As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." **Mark 10:17-21***

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Our lives as followers of Christ are about choices. It is true that how we choose to live out our faith, cannot compare to the challenge Jesus placed in front of the young man from Mark's account. But what Christ asked of this seeker is what we often strive for: living a life that is less about keeping the law and more about living the Gospel. Even though the man in this story walked away from his Teacher, Jesus loved him. And to love him, he had to know him, recognizing in him the whole journey of life which had already been his, and quickly assessing what he might be capable of next. Jesus loves us too. Mother Teresa sums up such love when she asks:

*Are we helping the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed? People want to see Christ in others.*

*Therefore, we must love Christ with undivided love until it hurts. It must be a total surrender, a total conviction that nothing separates us from the love of Christ.*

*We belong to Christ.*

There is another part to the rich man's problem. He is only worried about *his* eternal life without concern for that of another's. He is incapable of recognizing that abundance could be found outside of his own wealth. To him, the value of his life is defined by his stuff and not by the presence of Christ. If we belong to Christ as Mother Teresa suggests, this man has missed the mark completely.

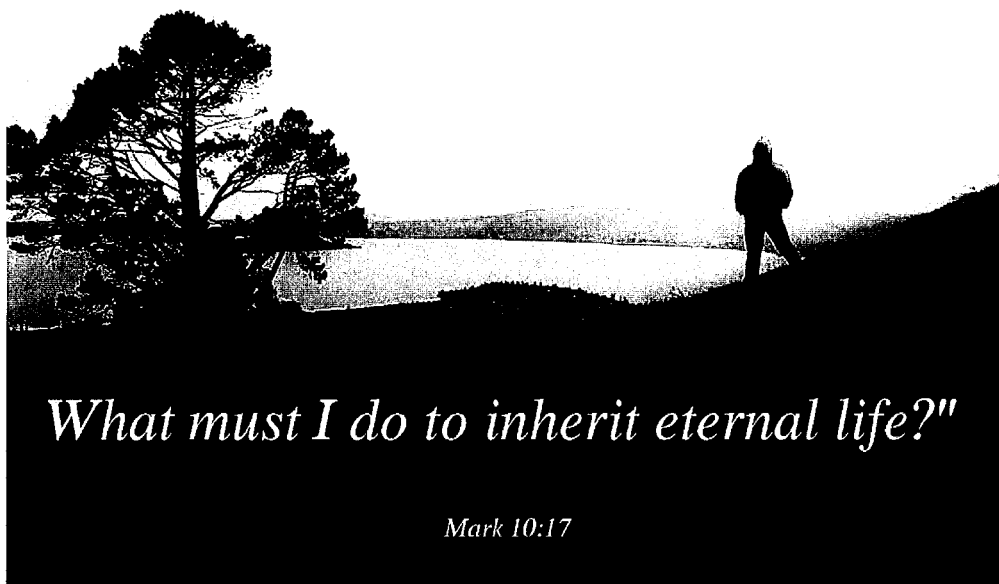
Knowing the riches of this young man, Jesus still told him, "*You lack one thing!*" But the issue of lack takes on a particular meaning in this story — it is that which prevents us from a full expression of faith. What keeps you from being the follower, the disciple, the believer, the witness God wants and needs you to be? This is a terribly hard question to answer, but I want you to consider it right now. How might you finish the sentence:

*"I lack \_\_\_\_\_!"*

May your awareness of your needs, provide you with the willingness to serve others as Christ continues to serve you.

PRAYER: God, use me and my gifts that I may have the ability to be of service to you and to others. Amen.

Blessings!  
Pastor Fred



**October 13, 2024**

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ~Dale Wood

\*\* Song: Your Grace Is Enough #2

\*\* Call to Worship

We were created in relationship and for relationship.

**We are created for community!**

God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

**We are created for community!**

Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

**We are created for community!**

We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

**We are created for community!**

\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

**Jesus, on this Harvest Home Sunday we come to you to celebrate, and to pause, remember, and give thanks for your grace. As we approach the Table may our thoughts be with brothers and sisters all around the world. Through multiple cultures and languages, we celebrate your compassion. We pray for that day when you come in a new way into our world and into our lives, we celebrate your presence now with us, together as your body around the world. Amen.**

\*\* Hymn: "Come Ye Thankful People Come" #559

\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

Thank you for sharing your tithes and offerings

\*\* Doxology #625

\*\* Prayer of Dedication

Joys and Concerns

Praying for Others

Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" #556

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Time for the Young at Heart

Sermon: "Serving Others"

Communion

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*\* Song: Soul on Fire #4

\*\* Final Blessing

Please remain standing to sing "A Choral Benediction"

Postlude: "Harvest Fanfare Medley" (Martin/Linker)

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\*\* Please stand, if you are able.

### Announcements

~Pastor Fred will be away 10/7-10/11. Amy Fawks is on-call for pastoral emergencies (717-698-6366).

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The congregational vote passed, and they will soon start work on the floor in Fellowship Hall.

### Upcoming Events

**Care Team Training Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30PM**

**Trick or Treat: Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm** (candy donations and help handing out candy appreciated!)

### Financial Information

General pledge Oct. 2024: \$7,718.00

*General pledge Oct. 2023* \$8,596.35

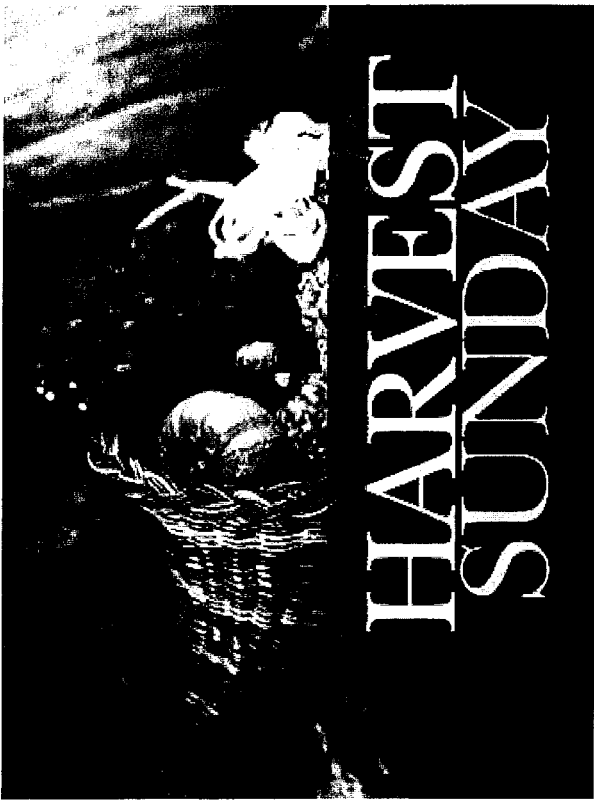
YTD income: \$128,461.73

YTD expenses: \$175,518.21

YTD deficit: \$47,056.48

### Upcoming Meetings

- Bi-Laws: October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00PM
- Staff Meeting: October 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM
- Pastoral Relations: October 21<sup>st</sup> @6PM
- Worship and Music: October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm



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Pastor Fred Young and Amy Fawks

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# MARK 10:17-31

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## WORD BANK

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- trees
- football
- Halloween
- apples
- squash
- corn
- autumn
- acom
- bonfire
- hayride
- harvest
- orchard

