

Why Are You Running to God?

Matthew 10: 37 to 39

2 Samuel 18: 19 to 33 - Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies. And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab, & ran. Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? But howsoever, said he, let me run. & he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, & overran Cush. & David sat between the 2 gates: & the watchman went up to the roof over the gate to the wall, & lifted up his eyes, & looked, & behold a man running alone. & the watchman cried, & told the king. & the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. & he came apace, & drew near. And the watchman saw another man running: & the watchman called unto the porter, & said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, & cometh with good tidings. And Ahimaaz called, & said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. & behold, Cush came; & Cush said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. & the king said unto Cush, Is the young man Absalom safe? & Cush answered, The enemies of my lord the king, & all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. And the king was much moved, & went up to the chamber over the gate, & wept: & as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God

I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

Mark 10: 13 to 31 - And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, & forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, & blessed them. And when he was gone forth into the way there came 1 running & kneeled to him, & asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. & he answered & said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, & give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: & come, take up the cross & follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. & Jesus looked round about, & saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, & saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, & have followed thee. And Jesus answered & said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, brethren, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, or lands, for my sake, & the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, brethren, sisters, mothers, children, & lands, with persecutions; & in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; & the last first.

Mark 5: 1 to 20 - And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

Who had his dwelling among the tombs; & no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters & chains, & the chains had been plucked asunder by him, & the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, & in the tombs, crying, & cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran & worshipped him, & cried with a loud voice, & said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit. And he asked him, What is thy name? & he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many. & he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. & all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, & entered into the swine: & the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about 2000;) & were choked in the sea. & they that fed the swine fled, & told it in the city, & in the country. & they went out to see what it was that was done. & they come to Jesus, & see him that was possessed with the devil, & had the legion, sitting, clothed, & in his right mind: & they were afraid. & they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, & also concerning the swine. & they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. & when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, & tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, & hath had compassion on thee. & he departed, & began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: & all men did marvel.

Matthew 10: 37 to 39 - He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

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