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Devotion for October 29th, 2021

"And Jesus said to His disciples, 'Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.' When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, 'Who then can be saved?' But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'"

- [Matthew 19:23-26](#)

We are surely blessed here in the United States of America. God has given each of us the means to stay alive. Food is readily available. If a person is diligent, a job can be found. Most of us have more wealth than the elite people of other countries. Even a modest home here is more spacious than many homes in other countries. We have well-maintained roads and highways. We have a clean water supply and enough power to run our households. We are rich.

Jesus told His disciples that it would be difficult for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus followed this up by saying that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. The disciples were astonished and so am I.

To me, that is not just difficult, it is impossible, unless you have a needle the size of a Boeing 747. I would have liked to see the expression on the faces of the disciples when they heard Jesus say this. Jesus really got their attention. He got my attention, too. What? Are all rich people going to be excluded from the kingdom of God?

I can imagine Jesus standing in front of His disciples and when He saw the look on their faces, He might have had a great big smile on His face. And then He said,

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
- [Matthew 19:26](#)

Wow! Lesson learned! No one will enter the kingdom of heaven without God. It is because of what Jesus did on the cross to save us from our sins. We have forgiveness of sins and eternal life. This is true treasure.

Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, maker of all things and for whom all things are possible, thank You for making it possible for us all to enter the kingdom of heaven by sending Your Son, Jesus. Without Him it would be impossible to pass through the eye of the needle.

Help us to always remember that all things are possible for You. Help us to think this way as we go forward into the world in the name of Your Son, Jesus. We know that You are all powerful and we can ask for things of You in the name of Your Son. We ask this in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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