

Building the Bridge

MARK 10:17-22

Mark 10:17 NIV
 A man who wants to change:

- He ran to Jesus
- He fell on his knees
- He asked the Big Question about the meaning of Life

- **As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”**

Mark 10:18-19 NIV
 Jesus asks about his present reality – his starting point

- **“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good – except God alone.**
- **“You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”**

Mark 10:20
NIV

"If I can just find out *what to do*, I'll make the changes!"

- **"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."**

The first thing we look for when we feel the need to change is *something to do*.




The Starting Point

When your world changes:

What do you take with you?

What do you leave behind?




Transition

Change

Transition

Transformation



The 3 Steps of Successful Change

Change:
First response


Transition:
Move the eggs!

Transformation:
A new safe nest



From Change to Transformation

Transition is a bridge that we build from where we were to where we want to be.



Transition

Mark 10:21
NIV

What are you going to take with you?

What are you going to leave behind?

- **Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”**

You build the bridge as you walk it. No one can build it for you.

You see yourself differently as you build.

You begin to really change!



Transition

Mark 10:22
NIV

He wanted to change some actions, but he didn't want to *be* changed.

So he went back to his stuff.

- **At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.**

Mark 10:21
NIV

The irony of this story is that the man walked away from the thing he most wanted to inherit: Eternal Life!

- **Mark tells us that “Jesus looked at him and loved him.”**

John 17:3 NIV

The relationship that Jesus offers is Eternal Life both now and forever.

- **“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.”**

Mark 10:28-30
NIV

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- **Peter said to him, “We have left everything to follow you.”**
- **“I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel**
- **will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life.”**

Mark 10:31
NIV

It doesn't matter who's out front at the beginning, but who steps onto the other side of the Bridge of Transition.

- **“But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”**

You see big changes coming.
What will you take with you?
What will you leave behind?
Make sure you take with you the ONE who matters most!



Start building!
