

**He Said—What?**  
**"Beyond Busy: Finding Jesus in Your Priorities"**  
March 16 & 17, 2024

**Bible Reading:**

- Luke 12:33 (NLT): "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes."
- Luke 10:31-33 (NLT): "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him."
- Luke 16:10 (NLT): "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones."

**Observation Questions:**

1. In Luke 12:33, what action does Jesus suggest to his followers, and what is the promised result of this action?
2. What different responses do the characters in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:31-33) have upon encountering the man in need?
3. According to Luke 16:10, what is the relationship between how one handles small tasks and larger responsibilities?

**Interpretation Questions:**

1. How might the instruction to sell possessions and give to those in need challenge common attitudes towards wealth and security?
2. What does the reaction of the Samaritan in Luke 10:31-33 reveal about the nature of true compassion?
3. What implications does Jesus' statement in Luke 16:10 have for the way we approach our daily tasks and responsibilities?

**Application Questions:**

1. Reflect on your possessions and lifestyle. Is there something you feel led to give away or sell to help those in need, as a step towards storing up treasure in heaven?
2. Identify a situation where you may have prioritized convenience over compassion. What is one action you can take this week to show compassion in a similar situation?
3. Think about a small task or responsibility you have this week. How can you approach it with the same dedication and faithfulness you would give to a larger task?

**Bonus Content for Daily Devotions. "Beyond Busy: Finding Jesus in Your Priorities"**

**Day 1: Eternal Riches Surpass Earthly Wealth**

True fulfillment comes from seeking eternal treasures in God rather than chasing the fleeting wealth of the world. This shift in focus brings a sense of purpose that transcends material possessions and aligns our hearts with the divine.

Matthew 6:19-21 - "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." **Reflection:** How can you begin to shift your focus from material possessions to spiritual growth and heavenly treasures today?

**Day 2: Intimacy with God Over Earthly Tasks**

Cultivating a deep relationship with God is more crucial than the busyness of our service. It is in the quiet moments with Him that we find the strength to serve others effectively and fulfill our true calling.

Luke 10:41-42 - "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." **Reflection:** What is one step you can take today to prioritize your personal relationship with God over your to-do list?

**Day 3: Compassion Transcends Personal Comfort**

Embracing compassion means choosing to help others even when it is inconvenient, reflecting the love and mercy of Jesus in our actions and decisions.

1 John 3:17-18 - "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." **Reflection:** Is there someone in your life or community in need of compassion? How can you show them God's love through your actions today?

**Day 4: Faithfulness in Simplicity Leads to Greatness**

Joy and purpose are found in being faithful in the small, everyday tasks. This faithfulness prepares us for the greater responsibilities and blessings God has in store.

Zechariah 4:10 - "Who dares despise the day of small things, since the seven eyes of the Lord that range throughout the earth will rejoice when they see the chosen capstone in the hand of Zerubbabel?"

**Reflection:** What are the 'small things' in your life that you can approach with greater faithfulness and dedication starting today?

**Day 5: Repentance Brings Restoration and Freedom**

Turning back to God in repentance is the pathway to experiencing His love, forgiveness, and the joy of being restored to our rightful place as His children.

Joel 2:12-13 - "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity." **Reflection:** What is one area in your life where you need to seek repentance, and how can you take a step towards reconciliation with God today?