

S E R M O N O U T L I N E



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1. THE NEED FOR SUFFICIENCY

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⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

‘Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.’

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What can mere mortals do to me?’

HEBREWS 13

#1.

ONLY CONFIDENCE CAN FREE YOU

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³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

HEBREWS 10

²⁴ ‘If I have put my trust in gold
or said to pure gold, “You are my security,”
²⁵ if I have rejoiced over my great wealth,
the fortune my hands had gained,
²⁶ if I have regarded the sun in its radiance
or the moon moving in splendour,
²⁷ so that my heart was secretly enticed
and my hand offered them a kiss of homage,

²⁸ then these also would be sins to be judged,
for I would have been unfaithful to God on high.

JOB 31

#2.

EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FAIL YOU

⁵ God has said,
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HEBREWS 13

¹⁸ 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain.
¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"
²⁰ 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

LUKE 12

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 TIMOTHY 6

#3.

GOD ALONE WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU

⁴⁵ From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' (which means 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?').

MATTHEW 27

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

ROMANS 8

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 CORINTHIANS 8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Share honestly about your fears of not having enough, or your desire to keep accumulating more, and how it affects you.**
- 2. Describe in your own words how the Christian approach to dealing with financial insecurity is radically different, and superior, to the contemporary approach of our culture.**
- 3. In practical terms, what is God asking you to do differently because he is your helper who will never leave or forsake you? How, for example, are you going to manage your finances, calibrate your lifestyle or give away your money so that you can become a hearer of this truth?**