

Stewardship Series

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Lot – Money’s Dark Side

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AS WE GATHER

Today we begin a three-week series called *Money Talks* and Lot is our focus. Lot, Abraham’s nephew. Lot, whose wife famously became a pillar of salt. Lot, whose life shows us *money’s dark side*. There is much to learn!

OPENING PRAISE SONG: “Start a Fire” © Unspoken

Verse 1

This world can be cold and bitter Feels like we're in the dead of winter
Waiting on something better But am I really gonna hide forever?
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
Let Your light shine, let Your light shine for all to see

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

Verse 2

You only need a spark to start a whole blaze It only takes a little faith
Let it start right here in this city So these old walls will never be the same
Over and over again I hear Your voice in my head
They need to know I need to go
Spirit won't you fall on my heart now

Chorus

Start a fire in my soul Fan the flame and make it grow
So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day
We have the hope, we bear Your name
We carry the news that You have come to save Only You can save

Chorus

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So there's no doubt or denying Let it burn so brightly
That everyone around can see
That it's You, that it's You that we need to start a fire in me

You are the fire You are the flame You are the light on the darkest day
Yeah, start a fire in me

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Godliness with contentment is great gain.

People: For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain that we can take nothing out.

Pastor: But if we have food and clothing, we will be content.

People: People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap.

Pastor: For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

People: Some people, eager for money—

Pastor: Have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

People: Command those who are rich in this present world—

Pastor: Not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth.

People: Command them to be generous and willing to share.

Pastor: In this way we will lay up treasure for ourselves as a firm foundation for the coming age.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: In today's Gospel lesson Jesus says, "Take care, and be on your guard against every form greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)

Holy God, merciful Father—

People: Much like the rich man in today's parable, we place our faith in wealth and possessions.

Pastor: We live as if you do not matter and as if we matter most.

People: Like the rich man, too often our goal in life is to earn enough money so we can relax, eat, drink, and be merry.

Pastor: Then, blind to the needs of others, we become miserly and stingy.

People: Then we lay up treasures for ourselves and are not rich toward you.

Pastor: We are sorry for all our sin and seek your mercy through Jesus Christ.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination]

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

PRAISE SONG: "Build My Life" Younker | Martin | Kaple | Redman | Barrett

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

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I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken
(Repeat Bridge)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: God, our beloved Creator and Father, make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts, so that we serve our neighbors in need, extend the Gospel to people without Christ, and live to the praise of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

Children’s Bible Reading: Page 288

Reader: The readings today are about money’s dark side.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 19:1-11

The two angels arrived at Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gateway of the city. When he saw them, he got up to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. “My lords,” he said, “please turn aside to your servant’s house. You can wash your feet and spend the night and then go on your way early in the morning.” “No,” they answered, “we will spend the night in the square.” But he insisted so strongly that they did go with him and entered his house. He prepared a meal for them, baking bread without yeast, and they ate. Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.” Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, “No, my friends. Don’t do this wicked thing. Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don’t do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof.” “Get out of our way,” they replied. “This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We’ll treat you worse than them.” They kept bringing pressure on Lot and moved forward to break down the door. But the men inside reached out and pulled Lot back into the house and shut the door. Then they struck the men who were at the door of the house, young and old, with blindness so that they could not find the door. Here ends the Reading.

The Epistle Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Here ends the Reading.

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ “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. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” “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?’ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

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I believe in one God; the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

OFFERING SONG: Leaning Brian Elmquist | Jacob Sooter | Lizzie Morgan | Matt Maher

Verse 1

Let my yes be yes to You oh Lord
Let my no be no to things of this world
If I rise or fall if I stand at all
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Verse 2

From the morning sun and mercies new
To the evening stars every promise is true
As I walk this world I'm held by You
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding
Feels less like dying
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding
Feels less like dying
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Bridge

The more I'm leaning the more I'm finding
Feels less like dying
More like living for Heaven on Earth

Chorus

What a fellowship what a joy divine What a priceless gift
God I'm Yours and You are mine
Let my restless soul be still and know
I am leaning on Your everlasting arms

Ending

I am leaning on Your everlasting arms CCLI Song # 7192530

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Responsive)

Pastor: All things are yours, dear Lord, but you have granted us so much to use and manage to extend the mission of your church. We trust in your mercy and have confidence that you will give us all things needful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.

Pastor: Guard our hearts against greed, for life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions.

People: All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee.

Pastor: Guard our hearts against anxiety, for life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions.

People: May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive.

Pastor: Guard our hearts against miserliness, for life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions.

People: And gladly as Thou blesses us to Thee our first fruits give.

+ Additional Prayers +

Pastor: O God, empower us by your Holy Spirit to be good and faithful stewards, sharing with others the resources you have given us,

People: And we believe Thy Word though dim our faith may be.

Pastor: We have freely received, now let us freely give.

People: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

Pastor: In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

COMMUNION SONG: "Give Me Jesus" © Jeremy Camp

Verse 1

In the morning, when I rise In the morning, when I rise
In the morning, when I rise Just give me Jesus

Chorus

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

Verse 2

When I am alone, Oh when I am alone,
Oh when I am alone, Just give me Jesus.

Chorus

Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

Verse 3

When I come to die, Oh when I come to die,
Oh when I come to die, Just give me Jesus.

End Chorus

Give me Jesus Give me Jesus
You can have all this world, You can have all this world,
You can have all this world, Just give me Jesus.

COMMUNION SONG: Love Of God

Benjamin Hastings, Brandon Lake, Cody Carnes, Phil Wickham CCLI Song #7241154

Verse 1

It's so good I almost can't believe it
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
What leads a King to pay so great a cost
All my life my heart will sing the answer
Only the love of God

Chorus 1

**Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God**

Verse 2

It's so kind it leads us to repentance
It's so bright the darkness has to flee
Hallelujah it cleared my guilty sentence
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed
For what could break the chains of any prison
What force could rob the power from the grave
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches
Only the love of God

Chorus 1

Verse 3

Though I try my mind can't comprehend it
It's so high too marvelous for words
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth

This all my life the banner I'll be waving
My anthem cry no matter what may come
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I'll still be singing this song
For everything that You've done
How great the love of God

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God
How great is the love of God

DISMISSAL of the COMMUNICANTS and PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than we all ask or imagine –

People: According to his power that is at work within us.

Pastor: To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,
forever and ever!

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) Bryan Fowler | Jacob Sooter | Matt
Maher CCLI Song # 7200544

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Chorus

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us
As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them
And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours The kingdom the power
The glory are Yours It's Yours it's Yours All Yours all Yours
Forever and ever The kingdom is Yours
(Repeat Bridge)

Verse

Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart
Father let Your kingdom come Father let Your will be done
On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Ending

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

SEND OFF

Leader: At Zion we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,
All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!