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Heavenly treasures 2

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Remember Testimony Sunday?

Matt 6:1-18 speaks of God wanting to reward us for practising righteousness/godliness

A people whom He will give singleness of heart and puts a new spirit within us so that we may follow His statutes, keep His ordinances, and practice them.

That we might do the good deeds, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

So that when men that see your good works they give glory to your Father in heaven.

Consider why you are doing these righteous works

God looks at the heart (motive) before the hand (action).

Motives matter!

Why are you giving tithing?

Why are you going to cell?

Why are you on the prayer army group?

Prov 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Let's look at the heart

Our affections determine our devotion

The heart contains our affections and desires, our first free and fixed thoughts.

Our affections are deep currents that steer our lives. Think of them as a rudder of a ship that literally directs it.

To determine where our affections lie

1. we have to discern what occupies our time,
2. what motivates our actions,
3. and what shapes our aspirations and their rewards.

Wherever these affections are found so our hearts will be found.

Our affections follow what we treasure

Matt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will also
“Where your treasure is...your heart will be.”

The heart loves what it treasures!

We have to seek a great treasure, and when we discover it, **love (the result of our affections) follows.**

The treasure comes first, and the heart comes second.

In order for the heart to love Jesus completely, it has to treasure Him supremely.

Matt 6:19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Petri Voges Translation

19 Don't invest in earthly storehouses, they will fade away

20 But invest in riches toward God, that storehouse won't fade away

21 The heart loves what it treasures

22 if the eye is pure, your whole body will be full of light.

23 But if your eyes are contaminated, your whole body will be sick. If then your understanding is corrupt, how will you make any wise judgements.

24 Worldly gain and godly gain are at odds with one another. Serving one will means rejection to the other

My choice of occupation - helpful ruins

In matric(grade 12) i had a choice - study / job

In my eyes, that was trained by my parents and society, my choice looked like this

<u>Study</u>	<u>Job</u>
no money	money
debt	no debt, freedom, security
no guarantee	security
resistance	harmony

Saldanha Steel

Move to Vredenburg

Buy a car, house in Langebaan, get retirement annuities

Get the promotion, get the girl, get the alcohol

Lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and the pride of life

Invest in making my life as comfortable as possible

Gnawing emptiness

My treasures left my empty

My treasures did not satisfy

Deep discontent about what and where I'm spending my life on

I reflected on my life and realised that i treasured fear, comfort, security, my own foresight

New eyes

Faithful to my gifts

Embrace resistance from parents and friends

Leave the old life behind and go all in

New treasure

1. I sold all my worldly gains and invested it into this new treasure
2. I moved to Stellenbosch. I did not continue in my old ways and did a correspondence course
3. The new treasure required new ways of thinking, I had to sit under teaching
4. Applying these “truths” brought internal and external resistance to the fore

New heart

1. I sold all my worldly gains... have you confronted the old ways that are still part of you new life. Can our lives look exactly like our neighbour/colleague that don't know Jesus?
2. I moved to Stellenbosch. Heavens citizens are heavenly minded. 1 Tim 6 - be rich in good deeds, be generous, willing to share, be content, be a cheerful giver. Is our heavens "id" only good for entering church
3. New ways of thinking came from teaching. 2 Tim 2:2 and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. You won't be able to exhaust the knowledge of Christ!
4. Living these truths is painful to the flesh, to the bank account and to our old affections. Lets renounce them daily.

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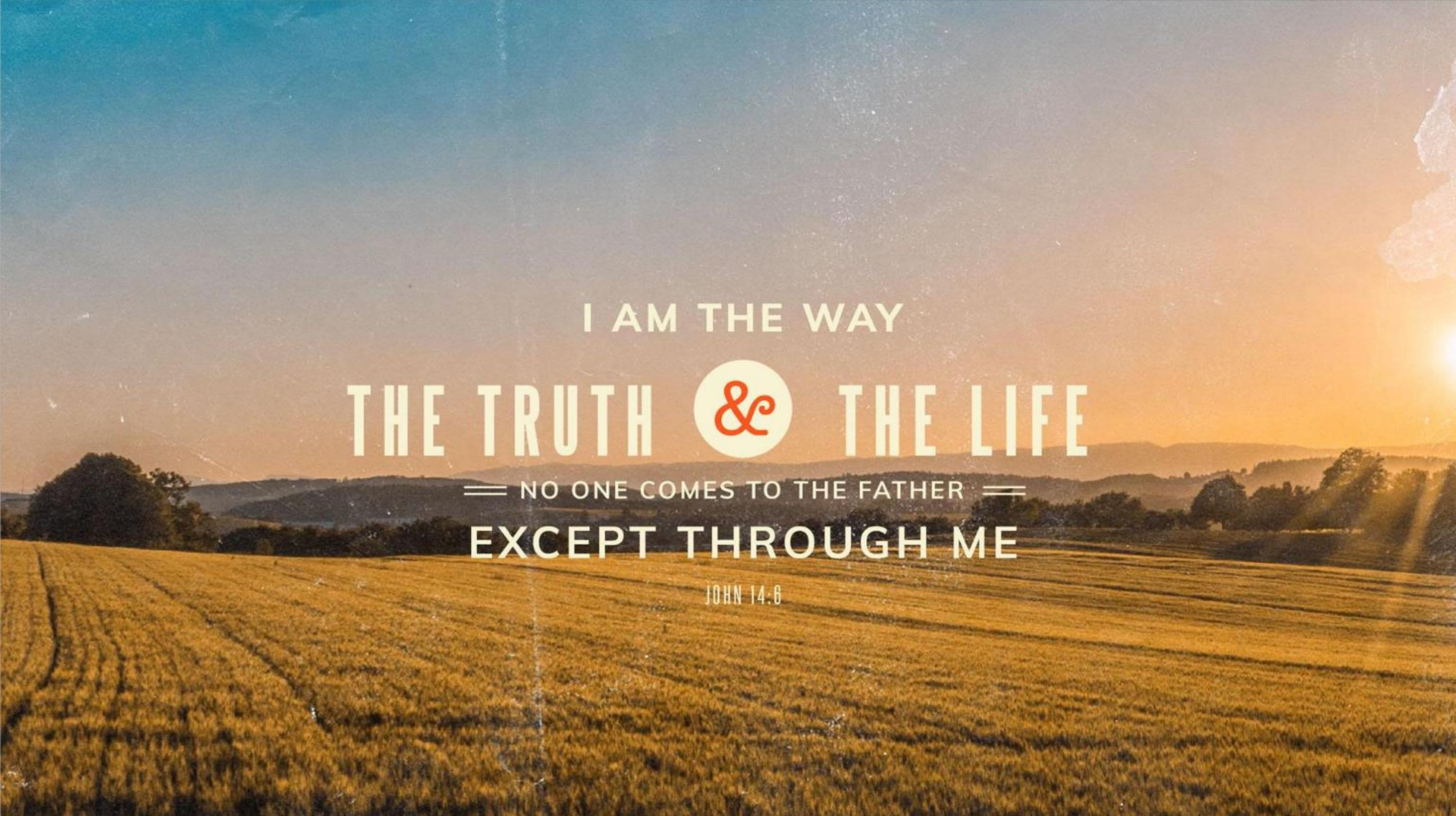
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&
Fellowship

UNTIL NEXT TIME

GO BE A WITNESS AND A LIGHT FOR OUR LORD





I AM THE WAY

THE TRUTH & THE LIFE

== NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER ==

EXCEPT THROUGH ME

JOHN 14:6