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“The True Blessing”

“And the LORD said to Aaron, ‘You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any portion among them. I am your portion and your inheritance among the people of Israel.’” (Numbers 18:20)

David’s Distinction

Psalm 17:13-15 – (13) “...Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, (14) from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. (15) As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.”

All In Acquisition

Matthew 13:44-46 – (44) “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. (45) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, (46) who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

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| Key Point: The True Blessing is when Jesus is Your ‘One Thing’ |
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Leah’s Lesson

Genesis 29:31-35 – (31) “When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. (32) And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, ‘Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me.’ (33) She conceived again and bore a son, and said, ‘Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also.’ And she called his name Simeon. (34) Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, ‘Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons.’ Therefore his name was called Levi. (35) And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, ‘This time I will praise the LORD.’ Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.”

Paul's Paradoxical Position

Philippians 3:7-8, 13-14 – (7) “But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. (8) Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ...(13) Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, (14) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

2 Corinthians 6:9-10 – (9) “as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; (10) as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

What is my “One Thing”?

Do I look to people or things for fulfillment?

Am I making the most of my connection to Jesus, or do I take it for granted?