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A Radical Affection...

Jesus calls us to give sacrificially because He loves us.

- He is a Shepherd who protects us.
- He is a Father who delights in us.
- He is a King who provides for us.

A Radical Command...

Jesus gives commands, not considerations.

- As followers of Christ, we do not consider options.
- As followers of Christ, we obey.

A Radical Reward...

Jesus does not want to strip us of our pleasure; He wants to satisfy us with His treasure.

- Which do we want?
 - ▶ Short-term treasures we can't keep...
 - Or long-term treasures we can't lose?
 - ▶ Unpredictable investments...
 - Or inexhaustible savings?
- Where is our heart?
 - ▶ Our use of money is a sure barometer of our present spiritual condition.
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 - ▶ God gave possessions to build a **place** that displayed His glory among the nations.
- In the Present (New Testament and Today)...
 - ▶ Obedience to God leads us to **abandon** possessions on earth.
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- In the Future...
 - ▶ Obedience to God leads us to **accumulate** possessions in heaven.
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A Radical Warning...

We desperately need to realize the **deadly** nature of our possessions.

- The danger we face...
 - ▶ Riches cause us to become self- **confident**.
 - ▶ Riches cause us to become self- **sufficient**.
 - ▶ Riches cause us to become self- **centered**.
- The decisions we make...
 - ▶ A life of selfish **luxury** that forsakes the poor.
 - ▶ A life of selfless **love** for the sake of the poor.

A Radical Gift...

Salvation is utterly **impossible** for any and every person apart from the grace of God.

- God **gives** salvation to us.
 - ▶ God does not **sell** us salvation.
 - ▶ God does not **trade** us salvation.
- God **enables** sacrifice in us.

A Radical Freedom...

Jesus frees us from our bondage to ourselves and our **stuff**.

- We are free to **go** wherever He calls.
- We are free to **give** whatever He asks.

A Radical Family...

Jesus unites His people together to enjoy and **encourage** one another as they abandon themselves to Him.

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