SO WHAT

- Read John 14:13. If there is one thing you want to ask Jesus to do for you, what is it? Why?
- In Psalm 40:1, what is David's attitude in waiting on God? How does his example help you do the same?
- Read Luke 18:1-8. What lesson has the greatest impact on you from the story? Why should we be bold and persistent whenever we come to God?

NOW WHAT

- What lesson did you learn today? In what way can you apply it in your life?
- Look for an opportunity today where you can share the value of receiving from God freely. Make a list of at least two to three people that you can share this with and pray to God for wisdom and guidance as you lead them closer to Jesus.
- What are your biggest desires and/or needs at this time? Ask your Victory group leader to pray with you and keep on knocking!

PRAYER

- Believe God for the revelation of Him being your Heavenly Father to be established in your heart and mind. Allow Him to transform your heart as He sees fit.
- Pray for a deeper relationship with Jesus by asking for the grace to communicate with Him in prayer and in the Word daily.
- Within your Victory group, ask God to increase your faith and expect answers to your prayers. Commit to stand with each other in prayer until breakthrough comes.

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WEEK 1

Serving Faithfully

NOTES

CONNECT

- Where do you buy most of your clothes? Why?
- How do you keep your house protected from burglars?
- What is one principle you hold on to when managing finances?

WORD

[19]"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. [20]But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. [21]For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." . . . [24]"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." MATTHEW 6:19-21,24

WHAT

What did Jesus say about earthly possessions and where we should place our treasures? Let us find out how we can serve God by obeying the principle that Jesus gave us.

1 Do not accumulate treasures on earth.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal." MATTHEW 6:19

A treasure is something you value most, something you place the greatest importance on, or something you try to get whatever the cost. Though God's heart is for us to prosper (Jeremiah 29:11) and He does not condemn material possession, we need to check our attitude and values towards wealth. What do you consider your greatest treasure so far? What happens if we prioritize treasures that are temporal?

2 Store up treasures in heaven.

"But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."
MATTHEW 6:20

Jesus tells us to check the quality of the treasures we store. What we value most should not be the fleeting things of this earth but that of heaven. And just like how people pursue earthly treasures like fame, fortune, or power, so should we pursue treasures in heaven. It all starts with having the right perspective of life. We must not forget that we are recipients of eternal life that Jesus has won on the cross. With that in mind, what treasures can we bring with us to eternity in heaven?

3 Serve God, not money.

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money." MATTHEW 6:24

People worship what they treasure and these are ranked according to priority knowingly or unknowingly. The Bible says that it is impossible to serve God and materialism at the same time. And God expects undivided loyalty and unreserved worship from His people. What are the indications that we are worshipping something or someone? Why is God worthy of all our worship?