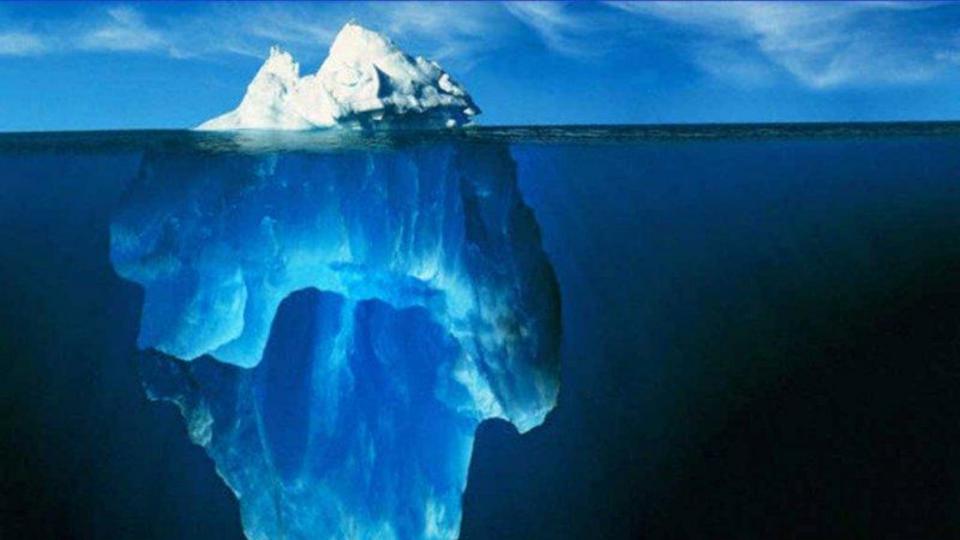


Jesus Encounters the Rich Young Ruler Luke 18:18-30

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- 2. He calls us to obey God
- 3. He confronts the competition
- 4. He does what we can't do for ourselves

1. He clarifies what's at stake in life

What's at Stake: Eternal Life





You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother."

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- 6) On what do I spend my MONEY?

Possessions jam Jesus' call. The owning of things can possess a person in an almost demonic way. Every time Jesus says "follow me" in the Gospel, except here, people drop their nets, leave their boats, abandon their tables, and follow Jesus. Jesus' Word overpowers every other occupation and preoccupation, but money is so powerful that it alone can resist Jesus' Word. This story is put in the Gospel to warn us of the demonic power of money and of real estate.

Dale Bruner

We must learn anew that dealing with money is a burning center of faith.... The obedience of disciples must profoundly alter our dealing with our own money, because money rules the world and discipleship to Jesus is a protest of love against this government.

Ulrich Luz

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How Jesus Saves

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"Come follow Me." Jesus