



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: LUKE 16:19-31

TITLE: AM I MISSING AN INTERSECTION WITH SOMEONE?

INTRODUCTION

- A. Two different men, two different lifestyles, two different life trajectories, two different deaths, two different destinations _____
1. They had no relationship
 2. The rich man had no need for a relationship
 3. Lazarus had no desire for a relationship (only for the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table)
- B. Was there a need for the rich man and Lazarus to have a relationship? _____
- C. Is there a need for me to have a relationship with someone who is on a different life trajectory? _____
- D. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.* _____

THEY BOTH LIVED

- A. The rich man lived in the lap of luxury _____
1. Clothed in purple and fine linen
 2. Fared sumptuously (lived in luxury) every day
- B. The poor man, Lazarus, lived in the pit of poverty _____
1. Full of sores
 2. Laid at the rich man’s gate
 3. Desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table
 4. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores

THEY BOTH DIED

- A. The poor man, Lazarus, was carried by angels to Abraham’s bosom _____
- B. The rich man died and was buried...and was in torment in Hades _____

WHAT WAS THE MISSED INTERSECTION?

- A. The inescapable network of mutuality? The single garment of destiny? The indirect affect? _____
- B. Why was Lazarus laid at that gate? _____
- C. Why did Lazarus go to the presence of God and the rich man to Hades? _____
- D. Notice, it was all reconciled at the end of their lives
1. **Luke 12:19, 20,** ¹⁹ *And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”* ²⁰ *But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’*
 2. **Ecclesiastes 11:9** ⁹ *Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth; Walk in the ways of your heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment.*
- E. Am I missing an intersection with someone? _____