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**What will I Lose for Jesus?**

*Deuteronomy 28:12-19; Luke 6:17-26*

* In Jesus’ day what was the world’s take on people who were poor and sick (John 9:1-2; Luke 6:17-19)? To the world’s ‘losers,’ how liberating was/is Jesus’ message (Luke 6:20-23)?
* Most of Jesus’ followers were truly victims of vicious Roman & religious oppression. How is Jesus message to them different than today’s ‘victim’ culture where we say people deserve to take what they did not earn, and where we give permission to victimize others in revenge (killing police, etc.) (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)?
* Isn’t wealth a sign of blessing (Deuteronomy 28:12)? Why is Jesus so tough on rich people (Luke 6:23-26; **Mark 10:21-27**)?
* How rich are you in the world’s terms compared with most Jesus Followers alive right now? What does that mean (Luke 12:48b)?
* What loss- financial, social, etc. -are you living with for the sake of the Kingdom? Are you OK with God owning that part of your life or do you have to give it up daily (**Mark 10:28-31**)?
* How does our wealth and addiction to entertainment make it near impossible to find joy in what we endure for Jesus sake (Luke 6:23)? How can we find that joy?