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Just as Jesus had looked at the man, he now looks around at his disciples with the same look of penetrating love—and he looks at us, his church. He tells us that riches are a great obstacle to entering the kingdom of God, and calls us “children,” reminding us that we must have a sense of our dependence on God for all good gifts. Peter and the disciples have left what they had to follow Jesus, but such dispossession is not a matter of just one leaving, as Mark’s gospel will show. Jesus assures Peter that those who give up the “everything” of possession and relationships for the sake of following him and the gospel with which he identifies himself, will receive a hundredfold: new relationship in the new family of Jesus’s followers, new possession that are the fruit of doing and hearing the word of God and, the most cherished possession of all, the eternal life they had witnessed the man was seeking. But with all these benefits will come persecution, for no disciple can escape the cross.