

## SELAH Devotional

### Walking with Jesus 11 A Tale of Two Lives

*Luke 16:19-31*

#### Stop

Pause and quiet your heart. Imagine standing at the gate in Jesus' story. On one side, abundance and feasting. On the other, hunger and sores. Ask God to help you see what He sees.

#### Exhale

Breathe out the excuses that so often rise: *"I didn't notice... I was too busy... Someone else will help..."* Let go of self-protection and self-justification.

#### Look

Read Luke 16:19-31 slowly. Notice:

- The rich man is unnamed, but the poor man has a name: Lazarus ("God helps").
- The rich man stepped over need daily but never crossed his gate.
- The "great chasm" after death only reveals the distance he chose in life.
- Abraham insists: *"They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them."*

#### Ask

- Who is the "Lazarus" near your own gate, someone you tend to overlook or avoid?
- What might it look like this week to cross that threshold in compassion?
- Where are you tempted to delay obedience to God's Word, waiting for a "sign" instead of responding to what you already know?

#### Hear

Listen for God's invitation today:

*"Cross the gate now. Show compassion while it is still today. Hear My Word and respond without delay."*

Remember: Jesus crossed the ultimate chasm for you: "though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

#### ***What does "Selah" mean?***

*Selah is a Hebrew word found in the Psalms that likely means "pause and reflect."*