REALLY? WAKE UP!

THE DISCIPLE'S QUESTION: REALLY?

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Matthew 18:1

JESUS' ANSWER: WAKE UP! IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU!

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:2-4

CHILDREN ARE <u>Humble</u>, knowing they need to rely on the care of their loving parents.

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:31-33

My heart is not proud, Lord, my eyes are not haughty; I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me. ²But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content.

Psalm 131:1-2

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REALLY? AGAIN? YOUR MOM'S QUESTION

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. ²¹"What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." ²⁴When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

Matthew 20:20-21, 24

WHAT KIND OF KING IS JESUS? WHAT IS THIS KINGDOM ALL ABOUT?

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:24-28

NEXT STEPS

Wake Up! It's not about YOU.

Become a humble servant.

Be content and rely on God for your needs, desires and dreams.

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