

Faith Like a Child

Matthew 18:1-4



Be Still – Trust in the Lord

- **Psalm 46:10** - “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

Who is the Greatest?

- **Matthew 18:1** - *At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”*

Serve Jesus

- **Matthew 20:25-28** - ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- **John 12:26** - ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

Receive an Imperishable Wreath

- **1 Corinthians 9:24-25** - ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

Lessons From a Child

- **Matthew 18:2** - ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them...

God – Sovereign Over All Creation

- **Job 12:7-10** - “But ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
the birds of the heavens, and they will tell you;
⁸ or the bushes of the earth, and they will teach you;
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹ Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of all mankind.

Without Excuse

- **Romans 1:19-21** - ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Become Like a Child

- **Matthew 18:3** - ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven



Trust in the Lord as a Child

Matthew 6:30-34 - ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Humble Yourself Before the Lord

- **Matthew 18:4** - ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Humble Yourself Before the Lord

- **Philippians 2:3-8** - ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ **And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**