

Becoming Great
The Kingdom Series (3)

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Made to be a kingdom

⁵ To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and **has made us to be a kingdom** and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

REVELATION 1:5-6

¹⁰ You have **made them to be a kingdom** and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

REVELATION 5:10

Our Kingdom is otherworldly

Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

JOHN 18:36

**The fundamental nature of the
Kingdom is established by the King**

⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!

PHILIPPIANS 2: 5-8

**To demonstrate the greater truth
Jesus enacted a demonstration**

¹ It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

JOHN 13:1-2

³ Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

JOHN 13:3-5

¹² When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³ "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

JOHN 13:3-5

¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

JOHN 13:15-17

**Humility, consideration of others,
and servanthood are huge values in
the Kingdom**

¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"² He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. ³ And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

MATTHEW 18:1-5

⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵ And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

MATTHEW 18:1-5

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

MARK 9:33-37

³⁶ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

MARK 9:33-37

It was not a small point for Jesus

¹³ People were bringing little children (Luke - babies) to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

MARK 10:13 -16

**Where does promotion in the
Kingdom come from?**

⁶ No one from the east or the west or from the desert
can exalt themselves. ⁷ It is God who judges: He
brings one down, he exalts another.

PSALM 75:6-7

How do I do this?

Know and lean into the new nature and the mind of Christ you have been given - this is natural to you

Understand that the King has let us in on His grading system -Choose to walk humbly as a child

Seek to please the King

HOW DO I DO THIS?

⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:8-10

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