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True Greatness

Mark 9:1-42

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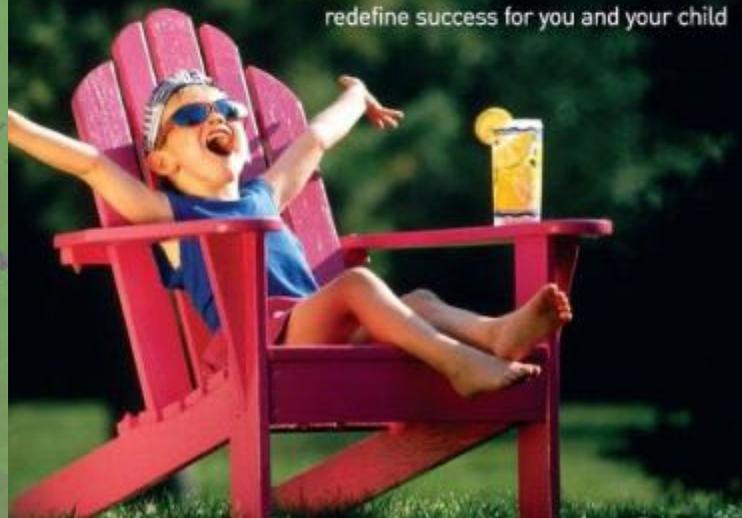
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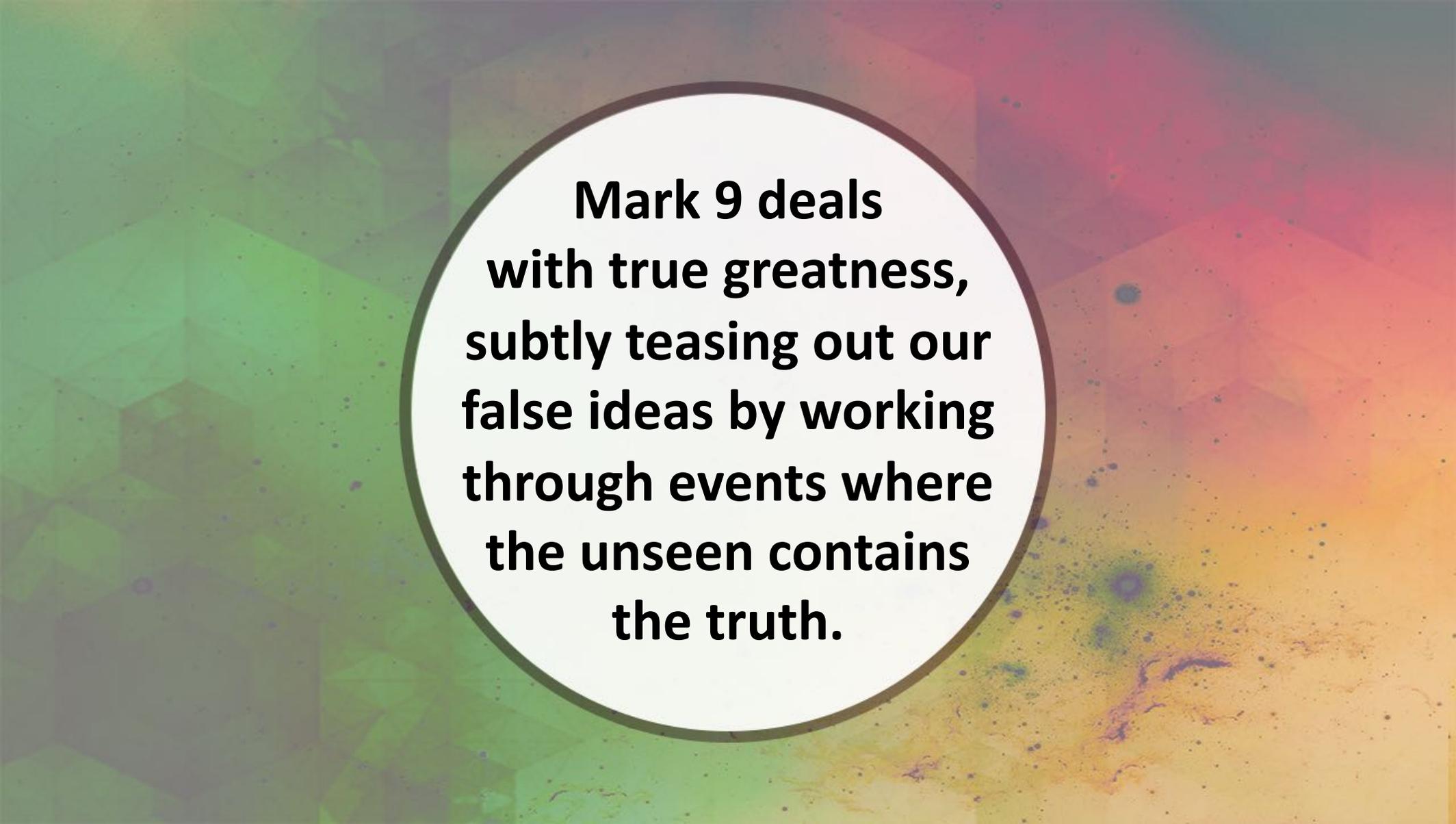
redefine success for you and your child



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In general, it's the unseen things that both contain and indicate true greatness. Parents get off track by focusing mainly on what can be seen. – Tim Kimmel



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¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased!” ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. ^{CSB}

So that explains the prediction of seeing “power” in verse 1, but why did Jesus say that Peter, James, & John would see “the kingdom come?”



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Luke says eight days.

These small differences of perspective and counting are actually strong arguments for the validity of each gospel. If Christianity were a crafted cult, they would have standardized their story.

Better be careful. If you start looking into such things you will very likely become a Christian.



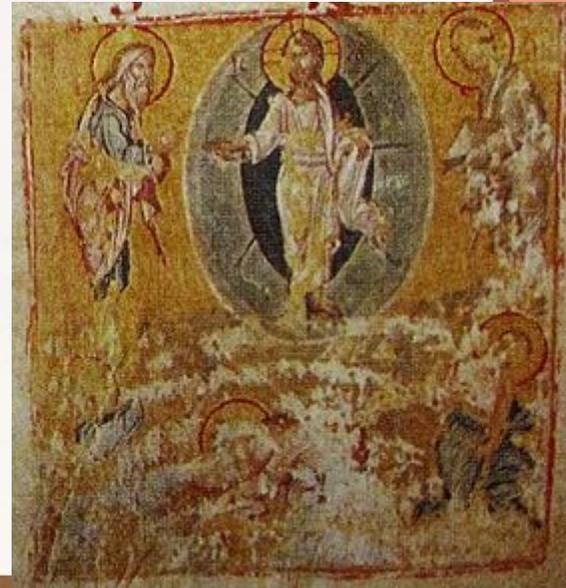
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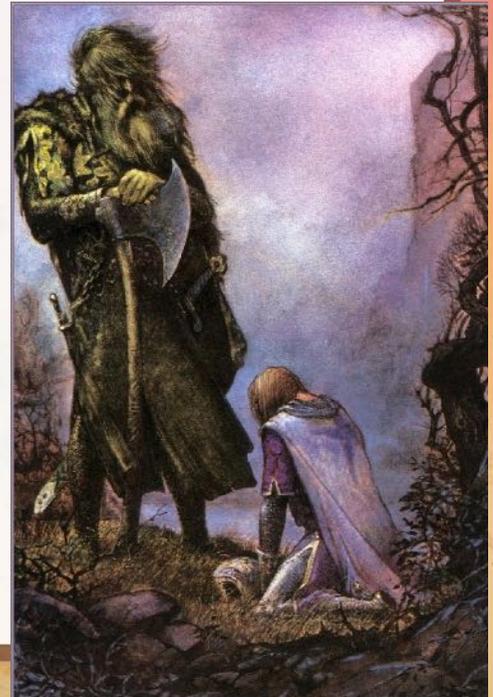
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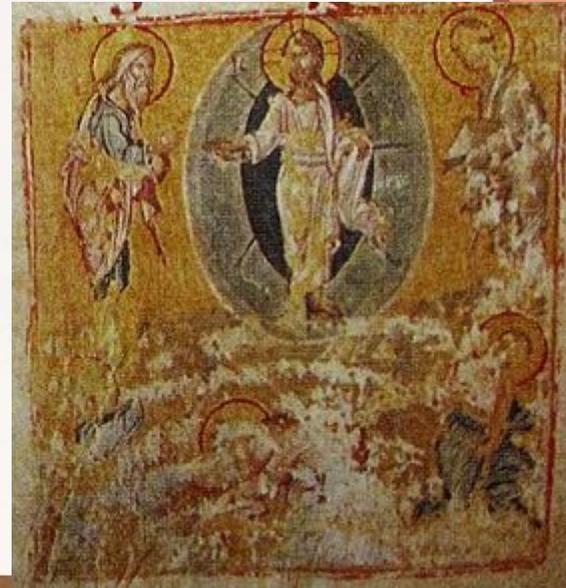


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This could be a sign of worship, Drill Instructor Sergeant Angell. Peter may be thinking of the OT festival of booths.

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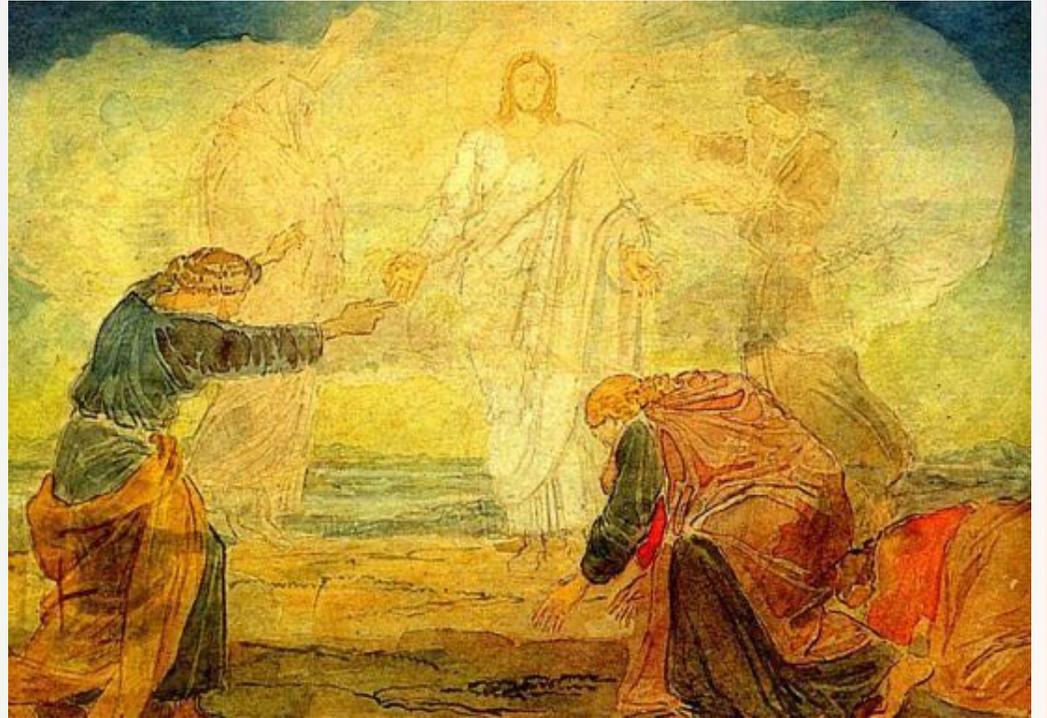
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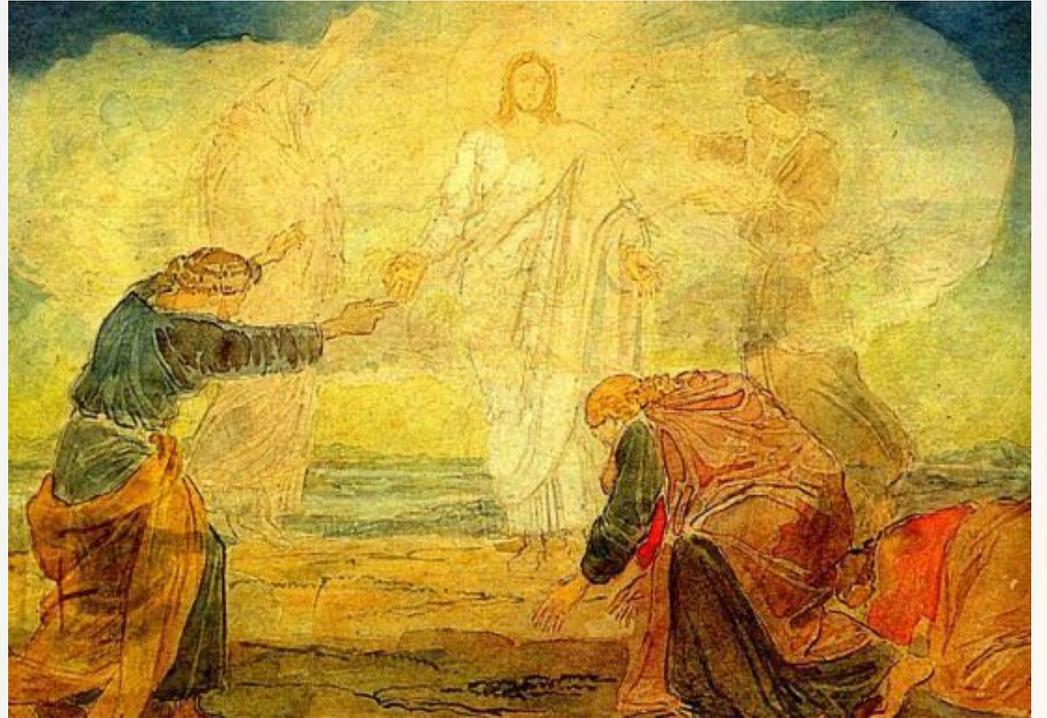
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Mark 9

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and scribes disputing with them.

¹⁵ When the whole crowd saw him, they were amazed and ran to greet him. ¹⁶ He asked them,

“What are you arguing with them about?”

¹⁷ Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has a spirit that makes him unable to speak.

Mark 9

18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they couldn't."

19 He replied to them, "You unbelieving generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me." **20** So they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, it immediately threw the boy into convulsions. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

Mark 9

21 “How long has this been happening to him?” Jesus asked his father. “From childhood,” he said. 22 “And many times it has thrown him into fire or water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 Jesus said to him, ““If you can’? Everything is possible for the one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the boy cried out, “I do believe; help my unbelief!”

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²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you: Come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶ Then it came out, shrieking and throwing him into terrible convulsions. The boy became like a corpse, so that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus, taking him by the hand, raised him, and he stood up.

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Jesus’ disciples – past & present – tend to lose either 23 or 24. We miss the real power that is found in trusting God or we think the focus is on ourselves and our “amount” of belief. This incredible dad commits neither error, making verse 24 one of the greatest statements of truth ever uttered. He believes, but he recognizes his incredible weakness.

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My guess is that the disciples were still pumped about their recent mission to proclaim the good news where they, among other things, “drove out many demons” (Mark 6:13). So when the man came to him with his son, they likely thought, “Hey we’ve got this! Which one of you guys wants to take this one?” They forgot that they had no power in themselves, all capacity was in the authority that Jesus had given them. Thus, they were utterly dumbfounded when the boy remained ill.

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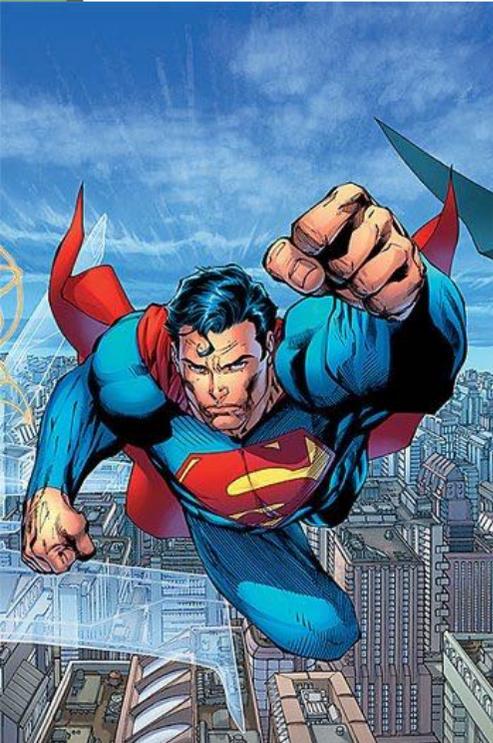
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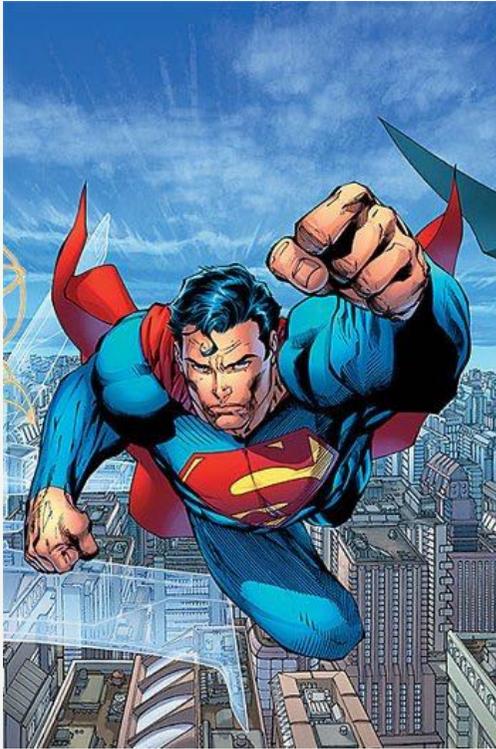
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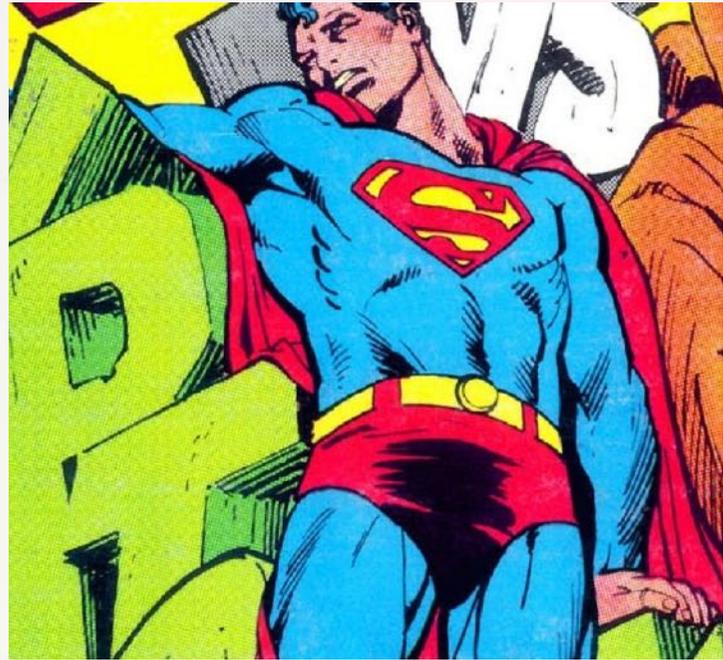


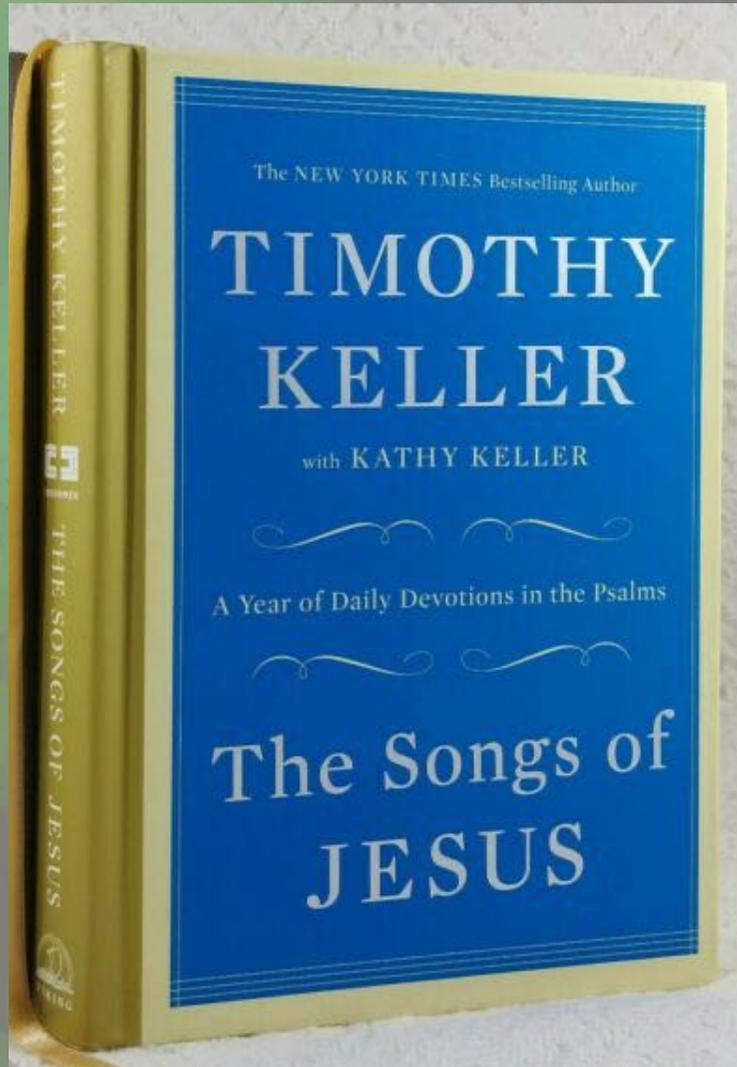
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**It's all about the prayer's
power.**



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“Humility learned from the gentleness of God is true greatness.” The truly great soul is the one that knows it is absolutely and always reliant on the Lord.

Mark 9

³⁰ Then they left that place and made their way through Galilee, but he did not want anyone to know it. ³¹ For he was teaching his disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after he is killed, he will rise three days later.” ³² But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask him.

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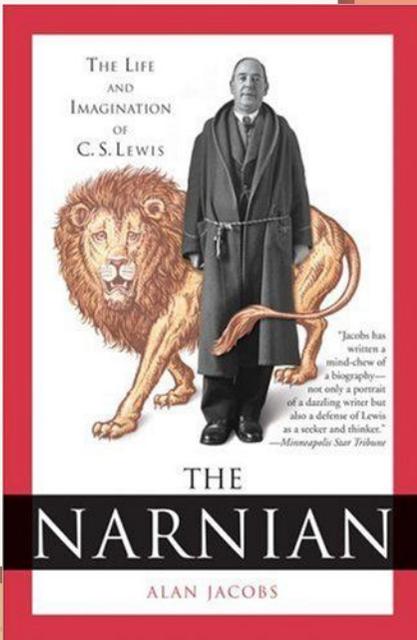
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In most children but in relatively few adults, at least in our time, we may see this willingness to be delighted to the point of self-abandonment...But why do we lose the desire – or if not the desire, the ability – to give ourselves in this way? Adolescence introduces the fear of being deceived, the fear of being caught believing what others have ceased believing in. To be gullible [is] the greatest humiliation of adolescence.

Lewis seemed never to have been *fully* possessed of this fear, though at times in his life he felt it: “When I was ten, I read fairy stories in secret and would have been ashamed if found doing so. Now that I am fifty I read them openly. When I became a man, I put away childish things [1 Cor. 13], including...the desire to be very grown up.”

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Why does this
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If we believers in Jesus aren't open to wonder like children, if we don't see ourselves as the servants of all, then we miss out on the ultimate rewards of following Him. We lose the chance to be truly great in His kingdom.

Dwarfs' "feast"
Pauline Baynes
1952



When the children beg Aslan [the Christ figure] to help the Dwarfs, he tries – the wine and the feast are his effort – but must conclude, “They will not let us help them. They have chosen cunning instead of belief. Their prison is only in their own minds, yet they are in that prison; and so afraid of being taken in that they cannot be taken out.” – Alan Jacobs, *The Narnian*

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