

LIKE A ROCK

The Spiritual Journey of Simon Peter

Chasing Greatness Matthew 18:1-9

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Within us, there exists a yearning for significance. We want our lives to matter. From social media prominence to little league dominance, we have a desire to be “great.” We exist in a fast-paced culture full of people chasing greatness. But we have one fundamental problem. We haven’t defined what we are chasing.

After a glimpse of Jesus’ pre-incarnate glory on the mountain, the disciples witnessed a demon exorcism followed by a miraculous object illustration involving fishing for tax money. In this context, they entered Peter’s house and Capernaum with a question burning in their minds. “Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?”

Key Statement: “The greatest among you will be your _____.”
(Matthew 23:11)

1. Jesus shows us the _____ to greatness (v. 1-5).

We must take three critical steps.

- _____ self-reliance.
- _____ simple faith.
- _____ humility.

2. Jesus warns us about _____ others astray (v. 6-7).

How do we lead “children” astray?

- Through our open _____.
- Through our lack of _____.
- Through our _____.
- Through _____ words.

3. We must be serious about _____ (v. 8-9).

Take away: _____ is more important than Chasing Greatness.