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Redefining Greatness: Being Great in God’s Kingdom



1. Greatness Isn’t Wrong, But Our Definition Can Be.

- **Mark 9:33** NLT After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road?”
- **Mark 9:34-35** NLT 34 But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. 35 He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”
- **Mark 10:45** NLT For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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2. Greatness Doesn't Compare.

- **Mark 9:33-34** NLT 33 After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road?” 34 But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.
- **Mark 9:38-41** NLT 38 John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn’t in our group.” 39 “Don’t stop him!” Jesus said. “No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me. 40 Anyone who is not against us is for us. 41 If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded.

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3. Greatness Serves.

- **Mark 9:35** NLT 35 He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”
- **Mark 9:36-37** NLT 36 Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me.”

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