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A JOURNEY OF FOLLOWING JESUS

“The Path to Greatness”
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³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?”

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³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

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³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said,
“Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last,
and the servant of all.”

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³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

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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.”

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³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

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³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us.

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⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

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42 “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

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⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.

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⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

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⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,

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⁴⁸ where “the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

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⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

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Redefining greatness

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Our quest for greatness:



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Our quest for greatness:

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Our quest for greatness:

We compare ourselves with others

We crave approval from others

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Our *true* enemy

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Leviticus 2:13-16

“You shall season all your grain offerings with *salt*. You shall not let the *salt* of the covenant with your God be missing from your grain offering; with all your offerings you shall offer *salt* . . . And the priest shall *burn* it . . . as an offering to the Lord.”

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A landscape with a dirt road leading to three crosses on a hill under a cloudy sky. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The road is flanked by green hills and leads towards a central hill where three crosses stand. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

**A question the disciples
were afraid to ask**

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