

# GOSPEL OF

A JOURNEY OF FOLLOWING JESUS

"Big Faith?"
by Pastor Dan Stockum



"And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.



But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.



Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.



And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"



And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone.



You know the commandments: 'Do not murder,
Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear
false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your
father and mother.'"



And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth."



And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."



Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.



And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at his words.



But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."



And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?"



Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."



Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you."



Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,



who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.



But many who are first will be last, and the last first."



And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes,



and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."



And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."



And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."



And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.



But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.



For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."





### The claimed problem with faith:

lack of undeniable evidence





## The real problem with faith: surrender and repentance





#### John 6:47, 51

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.





#### The One who saves:

#### Christ on the cross





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