

LIVING SMALL TO LIVE LARGE

BIG BIG GOD – Part 6 of 7

Living large starts by...

Embracing _____.

“An argument arose among them as to who should be the greatest.”
” Mark 9:34

“Then he said to them all: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

Luke 9:23-24

Two examples of embracing smallness:

1. Jesus and His _____.

“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11

Jesus: “He who loses his life for my sake finds it.”

Matthew 16:25

2. John the Baptist and his _____.

John: “He must become greater and I must become less.”

John 3:30

“He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Christ.” They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.” Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of the one calling in the desert, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

John 1:20-23

“That man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan – the one you testified about – well, he is baptizing, and everyone is going to him.”

John 3:26

“To this John replied, “A can receive only what is given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him.’ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.”

John 3:27-30

Three things you can do to embrace your smallness.

1. Remember who you are and _____.

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.”

Exodus 20:8

“Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.”

Deuteronomy 5:15

“Brothers, remember what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.”

1 Corinthians 1:26

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ Do this in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

2. Resume your place..._____.

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Romans 12:1

“I die every day – I mean that, brothers – just as surely as I glory over you in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 15:31

3. Reflect God’s character _____.

“So...whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

“If we judge ourselves in the right way, God does not have to judge us.”

1 Corinthians 11:31