

Exploring *Lives* that Made a Difference in God's Kingdom



Josiah -- 2 Kings 22

At the age of 8 he became king

**He was a godly king in spite not having
godly role models**

**He returned the nation of Israel to godly
principals**

**He did so by committing himself to reading
and obeying God's word**

Samuel -- 1 Samuel 3

A weird and unusual kid that lived in the temple

He was a godly king inspite not having godly role models

In the middle of the night he received a calling from God

Samuel was to be the next priest, a prophet of God and the last judge if Israel

The Story of Naaman -- 2 Kings 5

We know she was nothing more than a slave girl

Her contribution may seem small

“If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”

Though small they set off a series of events that would change a man's life forever

The Final Kingdom Kid

Our fourth kid like the slave girl we don't know his name

We don't know his occupation

He has no speaking lines in the Bible

He is the behind the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four gospels:

Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44,

Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15

The Final Kingdom Kid

The crowd: 5,000 men plus women and children

The meal provided: 5 loaves and 2 fish

The miracle: John 6:11-12

The Leftovers (John 6:13)

They gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

John 6:9

An illustration of a young boy with brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a striped tunic and a white sash. He is holding a woven basket filled with fish and bread. Several hands are reaching out towards him from the left and right, suggesting a crowd or a group of people. The background is a sandy, textured surface.

“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but **how far will they go among so many?**”

He was There



I want to follow Jesus

He was Prepared



He Came Ready!

He was Willing



He Stepped Forward

He was Willing

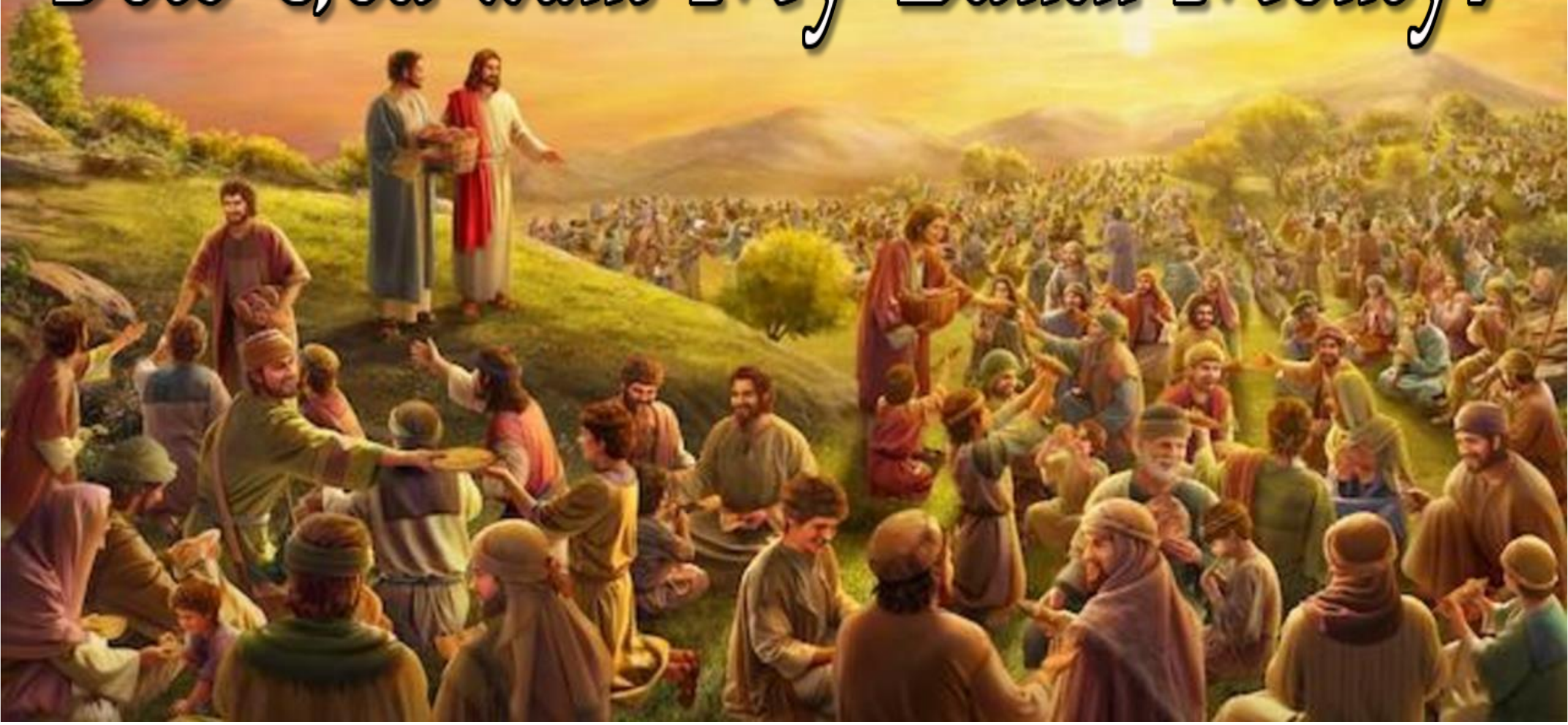
And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3

His offer is simple,
Jesus, you can have mine.



Does God want My Lunch Money?



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I say I want to fight giants like David

I say I want to part seas like Moses

I say I want to Preach like Paul

I say I want to be like Jesus



What About the Little Things?

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.”

Luke 16:10

Jesus was all about little things

Little Things matter



What About the Little Things?

If we are unwilling to do the little things, then how can God ever trust us with the bigger things



God wants ALL of YOU!

Love the Lord your God with **all** your heart and with **all** your soul and with **all** your mind and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30



Starting Small

Before David was a giant killer he was a shepherd boy

Before Moses could part that Red Sea he had to identify with slaves

Before Paul could preach he had to be blinded and then trained

**Jesus was the king of kings,
but he came as the lamb of God**



Becoming Small

**We seek greatness God seeks humility
(Matthew 23:11)**

**We seek acknowledgement God is looking
for simple faith (Luke 9:48)**

**We seek authority God says serve
(Luke 22:26)**

**But if we just focus on the little
things...**



Focused on the Little Things...

Go where God says go and be there

Do what God says and be prepared

Give God all we have willingly

**We can depend on God to do the
great things**



**Jesus could not use the lunch
until the boy offered it.**

