

The Children are Exempt

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Transfiguration at the mountain

Matthew 17

Jesus begins Matthew chapter 17 with a journey to the mountain to be transfigured and to share with His disciples what is to come.

Notice a few things:

1. Jesus took His disciples away from the crowds of people-**humility** and **maturity** – Jesus is strategic and measured in His ministry, not being a person looking for notoriety and a need for the ego to be fed
2. Jesus went to the top of a mountain- **determination and perseverance and love of God the father (CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE)** -Seeking God despite the treacherous path to make it to a place to hear from God...
3. Jesus went into nature- **gratitude and peacefulness** – nature allows us to recognize how great God is!

To be transfigured or transformed- it takes the following character traits to get there. A change of the heart, mind, body (behaviors), and soul is to have an encounter with God that will FOREVER transform you.

To be transformed takes:

1. **LOVE**
2. **Humility**
3. **Maturity**

4. Determination
5. Perseverance
6. Gratitude
7. Peace

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The law markers and high priests trying to distract Peter and make him fearful. With Jesus we MUST BE FEARLESS!

" Timothy 1:7

⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Matthew 17:25-27:

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?"

²⁶ "From others," Peter answered.

"Then the children are exempt," Jesus said to him. ²⁷ "But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

This is such a pivotal moment for Peter. Peter was a fisherman. Peter was a working-class person. Jesus was a working-class person. Jesus understood the disproportionate burdens of the law for the poor and the working class. Jesus understood that having faith in an oppressed world was crippling to his followers. Jesus takes care of ALL of our needs- **WE ARE EXEMPT!!!!**

If you have a need- tell Jesus

Jesus will meet ALL of our needs- we DO NOT need to worry about anything because Jesus paid the price and we just need to have faith in Jesus and everything that we need or want will be abundantly given to us.

Peter understood this truth spoken from Jesus. Jesus is all we need to live a godly life and all of our needs on Earth will be met:

II Peter 1:3

“His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.”

<https://youtu.be/QkxcGLID3Y8?t=10>