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WHICH BRINGS THE IMPOSSIBLE WITHIN REACH,
BUT THE POWER OF GOD -WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO EVEN
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AT THAT TIME THE DISCIPLES CAME TO JESUS AND ASKED, "WHO IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN?"

HE CALLED A LITTLE CHILD AND HAD HIM STAND AMONG THEM.

AND HE SAID: "I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, UNLESS YOU CHANGE

AND BECOME LIKE LITTLE CHILDREN,

YOU WILL NEVER ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

THEREFORE, WHOEVER HUMBLES HIMSELF LIKE THIS CHILD IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

AND WHOEVER WELCOMES A LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS

IN MY NAME WELCOMES ME."

"BUT IF ANYONE CAUSES ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO BELIEVE IN ME TO SIN, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM TO HAVE A LARGE MILLSTONE HUNG AROUND HIS NECK AND TO BE DROWNED IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA.

"WOE TO THE WORLD BECAUSE OF THE THINGS
THAT CAUSE PEOPLE TO SIN! SUCH THINGS MUST COME,
BUT WOE TO THE MAN THROUGH WHOM THEY COME!

"IF YOUR HAND OR YOUR FOOT CAUSES YOU TO SIN, CUT IT OFF AND THROW IT AWAY. IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO ENTER LIFE MAIMED OR CRIPPLED THAN TO HAVE TWO HANDS OR TWO FEET AND BE THROWN INTO ETERNAL FIRE.

AND IF YOUR EYE CAUSES YOU TO SIN,

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MATTHEW 5:29-30

"IF YOUR RIGHT EYE CAUSES YOU TO SIN, GOUGE IT OUT AND THROW IT AWAY. IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO LOSE ONE PART OF YOUR BODY THAN FOR YOUR WHOLE BODY TO BE THROWN INTO HELL. AND IF YOUR RIGHT HAND CAUSES YOU TO SIN, CUT IT OFF AND THROW IT AWAY. IT IS BETTER FOR YOU TO LOSE ONE PART OF YOUR BODY THAN FOR YOUR WHOLE BODY TO GO INTO HELL.."

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"SEE THAT YOU DO NOT LOOK DOWN ON ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES.
FOR I TELL YOU THAT THEIR ANGELS IN HEAVEN
ALWAYS SEE THE FACE OF MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?

AND IF HE FINDS IT, I TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
HE IS HAPPIER ABOUT THAT ONE SHEEP THAN ABOUT
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IN THE SAME WAY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN IS NOT WILLING
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PSALM 91:9

"IF YOU MAKE THE MOST HIGH YOUR DWELLING EVEN THE LORD, WHO IS MY REFUGE-THEN NO HARM WILL BEFALL YOU, NO DISASTER WILL COME NEAR YOUR TENT.

FOR HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU

TO GUARD YOU IN ALL YOUR WAYS;

THEY WILL LIFT YOU UP IN THEIR HANDS,

SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE."

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MATTHEW 4:6

"IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD," HE SAID,
"THROW YOURSELF DOWN. FOR IT IS WRITTEN:

'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU,
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HEBREWS 1:5,13-14

FOR TO WHICH OF THE ANGELS DID GOD EVER SAY, "YOU ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BECOME YOUR FATHER?"

TO WHICH OF THE ANGELS DID GOD EVER SAY,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES

A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET?"

ARE NOT THE ANGELS MINISTERING SPIRITS SENT TO SERVE THOSE WHO INHERIT SALVATION?

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"IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU, GO AND SHOW HIM HIS FAULT,
JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU. IF HE LISTENS TO YOU,
YOU HAVE WON YOUR BROTHER OVER.

"BUT IF HE WILL NOT LISTEN, TAKE ONE OR TWO OTHERS ALONG,
SO THAT 'EVERY MATTER MAY BE ESTABLISHED
BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES.

"IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN TO THEM, TELL IT TO THE CHURCH;
AND IF HE REFUSES TO LISTEN EVEN TO THE CHURCH,
TREAT HIM AS YOU WOULD A PAGAN OR A TAX COLLECTOR."

"I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH WILL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN, AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH WILL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

"AGAIN, I TELL YOU THAT IF TWO OF YOU ON EARTH
AGREE ABOUT ANYTHING YOU ASK FOR,
IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU BY MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.
FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I WITH THEM."

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MATTHEW 16:19

"I WILL GIVE YOU THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN;
WHATEVER YOU BIND ON EARTH WILL BE BOUND IN HEAVEN,
AND WHATEVER YOU LOOSE ON EARTH WILL BE LOOSED IN HEAVEN."

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"Then Peter came to Jesus and Asked,
"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother
when he sins against me? Up to seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times,
but seventy-seven times.

"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

"The servant fell on his knees before him.
BE PATIENT WITH ME,' HE BEGGED, 'AND I WILL PAY BACK EVERYTHING.'
The servant's master took pity on him,
CANCELED THE DEBT AND LET HIM GO.

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 28 - 30

"BUT WHEN THAT SERVANT WENT OUT,
HE FOUND ONE OF HIS FELLOW SERVANTS WHO OWED HIM
A HUNDRED DENARII. HE GRABBED HIM AND BEGAN TO CHOKE HIM.
'PAY BACK WHAT YOU OWE ME!' HE DEMANDED.

"HIS FELLOW SERVANT FELL TO HIS KNEES AND BEGGED HIM,
"BE PATIENT WITH ME, AND I WILL PAY YOU BACK."

"BUT HE REFUSED. INSTEAD, HE WENT OFF AND HAD THE MAN
THROWN INTO PRISON UNTIL HE COULD PAY THE DEBT.
WHEN THE OTHER SERVANTS SAW WHAT HAD HAPPENED,
THEY WERE GREATLY DISTRESSED AND WENT AND
TOLD THEIR MASTER EVERYTHING THAT HAD HAPPENED

MATTHEW CHAPTER 18: 32 - 35

"Then the master called the servant in.

'You wicked servant,' he said.

'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant

Just as I had on you?

IN ANGER HIS MASTER TURNED HIM OVER TO THE JAILERS TO BE TORTURED, UNTIL HE SHOULD PAY BACK ALL HE OWED.

"THIS IS HOW MY HEAVENLY FATHER WILL TREAT EACH OF YOU UNLESS YOU FORGIVE YOUR BROTHER FROM YOUR HEART."

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