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JESUS!

Introduction:

Did you know that it is possible
for us to not only please God, but
to actually amaze Him?

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Text: Matthew 8:5-13; 20:20-28

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help.

“Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering.”

Jesus said to him, “I will go and heal him.”

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The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

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But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! It will be done just as you believed it would.” And his servant was healed at that very hour.

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Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

"What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

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**“You don’t know what you are asking,”
Jesus said to them. “Can you drink the cup
I am going to drink?”**

“We can,” they answered.

**Jesus said to them, “You will indeed drink
from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is
not for me to grant. These places belong
to those for whom they have been
prepared by my Father.”**

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When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

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Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Matthew 8:5-13; 20:20-28

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*Jesus was astonished when
He witnessed a spirit of
servanthood because such a
spirit is both unnatural and
uncommon in this world!*

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A spirit of servanthood will:

SIMPLIFY your life.

It takes a great deal of effort for insecure people (control freaks) to maintain control of their surroundings. IT IS SO MUCH EASIER TO FIND YOUR SECURITY IN GOD!

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A spirit of servanthood will:

SATISFY your soul.

We were created to serve God and others, but Satan twists the desire to serve God and others into a desire to serve ourselves and rule over others. When we do this, WE CAN NEVER HAVE ENOUGH!

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A spirit of servanthood will:

SEPARATE you from worldly values and allows you to imitate Christ.

Why is it harder for a wealthy man to enter into Heaven? Servanthood teaches us humility, trust, and patience.

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A spirit of servanthood will:

STIMULATE fruitfulness in your life.

Every spiritual fruit grows more readily in the heart of a servant than a master!

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A spirit of servanthood will:

STRENGTHEN your connection to
God, because true servants of God will:

Constantly seek His **GUIDANCE**.

Consistently obey His **WILL**.

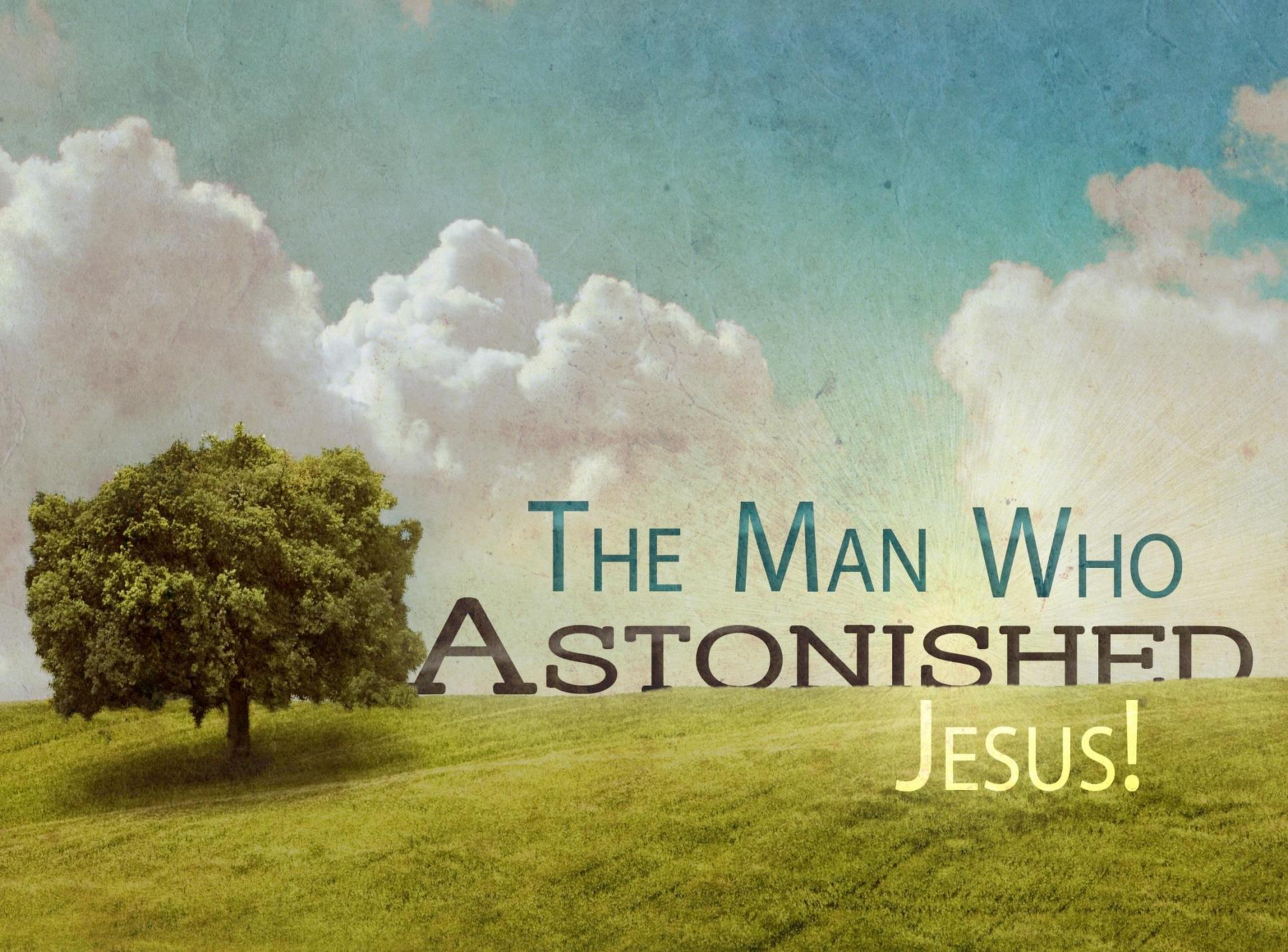
Continually receive His **BLESSING**.

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Conclusion:

The greatest obstacle to the spirit of servanthood is pride. We must choose to walk the path of humility if we wish to see the face of God!

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