

# Matthew 18:1-6

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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"Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

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*"For many young people, growing up in a postmodern culture is about growing up alone. This is an emotional aloneness that seeps into the core of one's being." (p. 43)* 

- Dr. Mark Cannister, Teenagers Matter

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"Kids who retain faith have five or more adults investing in them spiritually and personally between ages fifteen and eighteen."

-Dr. Kara Powell, Growing Young

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#### Galatians 5:5

# For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope.

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-Dr. Kara Powell, Sticky Faith

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