



Grace Snap Shot

"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"



The Kingdom of Flippity Flop

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Welcome to Flippity Flop, a kingdom where everything you know is up-side-down. This is what Jesus was basically saying to his disciples when he spoke of the Kingdom of God, one like no other.

When Jesus came on this earthly scene, his disciples and others were expecting him to become a great earthly ruler who would free the Israelites from Roman tyranny. They even argued as to which of them would be the greatest in that kingdom. Two of the disciples even asked Jesus if they could sit on either side of him when he came into power. Clearly they were not getting it.

Jesus sat them all down and began to explain the absolute difference between the Kingdom of God and the earthly kingdom that they were anticipating. At the time, they were living in an earthly kingdom that had been forced upon them. What they were really hoping for was that Jesus would lead a revolution that would overturn the situation. They were longing to have the upper hand on things. Christ was very clear on stating that that was not what he had come to do, matter of fact, he spoke of the very opposite.

He didn't speak of coming over people with harsh authority in order to control them. He spoke of coming under people with love and lifting them up. In his kingdom the first would be last and the greatest would be the servant of all. He not only spoke of this, he demonstrated this with his very life.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45

Today, as Jesus people, we find ourselves part of this kingdom, a kingdom that is not defined by geographical borders. Not found to be in allegiance with certain political parties or governmental systems. It's an eternal kingdom of love, ruled by God's grace, and lived out in Christ.

Welcome to kingdom life and the land of Flippity Flop!