

# The Year Of Following Jesus #142

September 16, 2024

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

**September 21 & 22, 2024**

Counting Every Blessing

**Welcome**

Who You Are To Me

Holy Forever

**Lord's Supper Thought**

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

**Prayer**

**Communion**

**Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus**

**#142 - Childlike Greatness Conclusion - Pastor**

**Ed**



## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs** - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



SHE WAS VERY LITERAL WHEN SHE KEPT  
SOMEONE IN HER PRAYERS

### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place (and don't forget to social distance). You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- ➡ Ignite/Rev Monday
- ➡ Bible Study Wednesday
- ➡ Thrive Thursday
- ➡ Learning with Laughter

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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### Riverside Happenings

**Service Project-** Our September service project is Learning with Laughter, a Christian program bringing education to children in Liberia. Donations can be made for school supplies and food all year long.

**Bible Study** - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid week with Jesus! All are welcome, no experience required.

**Community Group** - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family ages 18-118! Our goal is to encourage fellowship among believers, teach each other new skills, and enjoy life together! If you have an event you'd like to host, or questions about our group, contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, October 12th, 10am-4pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - October 13th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Write to our missionaries-** Contact Hank at 713 548 7446.

**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? You can watch LiveStreams, watch/listen to previous lessons, read daily reflections and download this bulletin and the lesson notes (among other things). Scan the QR code to download the app.



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, September 23rd, 6:00 - 7:30**  
Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional.  
For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help?  
See Cassie.



THRIVE

**Thursday, September 26th, 6:00 - 8:00**  
9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional.  
Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.

To get updates, text the following to **907.312.2662**:  
"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

## The Year(s) Of ^Jesus #142

### Childlike Greatness? (Conclusion Of The Conclusion)



*After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road?” But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.*

—Mark 9:33-34 (NLT)

## **Jesus’ Lessons On Greatness:**

### **1. Jesus’ Kingdom Is Upside Down.**

- *He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”*

—Mark 9:35 (NLT)

### **2. True Greatness Is Childlike.**

- *Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Then he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

—Matthew 18:2-4 (NLT)

### **3. True Greatness Is Welcoming.**

- > *And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to stumble, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.* —Matthew 18:5-6 (NLT)

### **4. True Greatness Is Repentant.**

- *I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.*

—Matthew 18:3 (NLT)

- *Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, 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 stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.*

—Matthew 18:7-8 (NLT)

- *When they finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." A third time he said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" Peter said, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you!" He said to him, "Feed my sheep.*

—John 21:15-17 (NLT)

## 5. True Greatness Is Christ-like.

- *You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and*

*under the earth, and every tongue declare that  
Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.  
—Philippians 2:5-11 (NLT)*

- *If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish.*

*—Matthew 18:12-14 (NLT)*

- *Become more and more in every way like Christ.*  
*—Ephesians 4:15 (TLB)*

## **Follow Through Step:**

**Spend some time reflecting on what it means to become more and more in every way like Jesus. What does that mean for your humility, childlikeness and level of welcoming His little ones?**