

seeing and seeking first  
the kingdom

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Isaiah 9:7

There will be no end to the  
increase of His government  
or of peace,...

John 18:36

- Jesus answered,
- **"My kingdom is not of this world.**
- If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, **My kingdom is not of this realm."**

The kingdom is  
the reality realm.

Luke 10:8-9

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is near.

1 Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of  
God does not consist in  
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demonstration

apodeixis; - **a showing off, demonstration:**

- sharing the gospel with a drunk man

Matthew 19:13

■ Then some **children** were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.

Matthew 19:14

■ But Jesus said, "Let the **children** alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the **kingdom of heaven** belongs to such as these.

- Holy Spirit touching the children





Acts 14:21

- After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch,

Acts 14:22

- strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying,
- **“Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”**

Your trials are not about “making it through,” they are all about kingdom increase.

**We are going to see the kingdom where we haven’t seen it before.**

Acts 6

- **natural:** setup for division
- **kingdom:** setup for increase

John 4: woman at the well

- ▣ **natural:** go get food
- ▣ **kingdom:** a woman is going to encounter Jesus and a village is going to be saved

▣ **Where is the threat?**

1 Chronicles 11:5

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David's inheritance was on the other side of the threat.

Inheritance is waiting to be claimed on the other side of the threat.

"Most of what we need is on the other side of a veil of difficulty and inconvenience."

■ Bill Johnson

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■ **eyes to see into the kingdom realm**

Matthew 6:31

- "Do not worry then, saying,
- 'What will we eat?' or
- 'What will we drink?' or
- 'What will we wear for clothing?'

Matthew 6:32

■ **"For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.**

Matthew 6:33

▣ “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

▣ anxiety and pressure to seek things first

▣ seek first the kingdom

Are you seeking first His kingdom?

Are you **SEE**king first His kingdom?

▣ story: Forgiveness and blessing for the Kingdom



▣ car repair bill

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▣ story of my kids stomach problems