

**MATTHEW:  
THE GOSPEL  
OF THE KINGDOM**

## **Do Not Despise One of These Little Ones**

Matthew 18:10-14

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### **A Pointed Command (10a)**

See that you do not *despise*  
*one* of these little ones.

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### **A Heavenly Reason (10b)**

For I tell you that in heaven  
*their angels* always see  
the face of my Father who is in heaven.

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### **A Parabolic Reason (12-13)**

What do you think?

If a man has a hundred sheep,  
and *one* of them has gone astray,  
does he not *leave* the ninety-nine on the mountains  
and *go in search* of the one that *went astray*?

And if he *finds* it, truly, I say to you,  
he *rejoices* over it  
*more than* over the ninety-nine  
that *never* went astray.

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**A Fatherly Reason (14)**

So it is *not the will* of my Father  
who is in heaven  
that *one* of these little ones should perish.

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**Application/Participation**

- What makes every one of us significant, and that in which we should find our ultimately identity, is who we are in Christ....Selah
- Who are those who you are most tempted to “despise” or look down on?
- What can we do better as a church to manifest this reality? Lift up our eyes...
- This “lost one” retrieval is not merely the responsibility of pastors, but of the whole church.

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