



# The Notes

## LAST OF US

### Part 4: "The Silly Kingdom"

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*"But John tried to talk him out of it. 'I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,' he said, 'so why are you coming to me?' But Jesus said, 'It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires."*

**Matthew 3:14-15** (NLT)

*"The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense."*

**1 Corinthians 1:18** (MSG)

## The First Temptation

*"The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."*

**Matthew 4:3-4** (NIV)

## WHEN THE WORLD REQUIRES...

1. ...., GOD  
REQUIRES THAT YOU

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## The Second Temptation

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*“When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son.”*

**2 Samuel 7:12-13** (NIV)

*“He said to me, “You are my son;  
today I have become your father.”*

**Psalms 2:7** (NIV)

*“Then Nathanael declared, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.’”*

**John 1:49** (NIV)

*“‘If You are the son of God,’ he said, ‘throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. Jesus answered him, ‘It is also written: “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’”*

**Matthew 4:6-7** (NIV)

2. ... \_\_\_\_\_,  
**GOD REQUIRES** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:*

*Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God  
something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!”*  
**Philippians 2:3-8** (NIV)

*“Therefore God exalted him to the highest  
place...”*  
**Philippians 2:9** (NIV)

### **The Third Temptation**

*“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow  
down and worship me.” Jesus said to  
him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written:  
“Worship the Lord your God, and serve him  
only.””*  
**Matthew 4:9-10** (NIV)

### **3. ... \_\_\_\_\_, GOD REQUIRES**

*“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”*  
**Matthew 3:8** (NIV)

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control. Against such  
things there is no law.”*  
**Galatians 5:22-23** (NIV)

*“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?”*

**Matthew 5:43-46** (NIV)

*“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.”*

**Ephesians 4:15** (ESV)

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”*

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** (NIV)