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CALLED TO BE A SERVANT

One day the mother of John and his brother James came to Jesus and said in Matthew 20:21, ***"...Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom."***

Now this was quite a request. Jesus told her that she didn't know what she was asking. He turned to James and John and said, ***"...Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"***

They responded that they could drink of the cup but had no idea that Jesus' cup was a cup of death as he would willingly give his life as a sacrifice for all mankind. James and John were speaking in temporal things. They had no idea what Jesus was going to face. They just wanted to be "in charge" equally with Jesus in his kingdom. They thought the kingdom was going to happen then and not in the future.

The other disciples were quite upset with them. But Jesus came back in Mark 10:43-45, (and Matthew 20:26-28) ***"But it shall not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered (served) unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."***

Many think that being served is what is the goal in their lives, in ministry, in family, and every other situation. But that should not be our goal. Our lives are to be lived as a life of service to others. We do it because we are doing it in Jesus' place.

Jesus was called to serve and give his life, and we should also have that attitude. Unfortunately, many in ministry see themselves as the one to be served instead of being the one that serves. Our motivation should never be to see what we can get out any given venture, whether it is marriage, parenting, ministry, or business. We should always have a servant's heart. That is what God is looking for. We will one day be rewarded for what we did with what has been given. We must keep a servant's attitude in our lives no matter what the call is.