

WHO IS THIS MAN?

TWISTED AMBITION

Mark 10:35-45 Jeff Schreve

And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You." And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on Your left." Mark 10:35-37

Q. What did the disciples seem to consistently struggle with?

A. Pride and selfishness and the desire to be the greatest.

1. There is a big difference between boldness and selfishness.

You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. James 4:2-3

* A bold “ask” needs to have the right motives.

2. There is a direct correlation between suffering and glory.

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." Mark 10:38-40

3. There is a big difference between true and worldly greatness.

And hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John. And calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. "But it is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Mark 10:41-45

A. The world equates greatness with a lofty position.

B. The kingdom of God equates greatness with servanthood.

How are you doing with true greatness?