



EXTRAORDINARY

Can I have a moment? Matthew 20:20-28

1. Requesting an Audience with the King (20)
2. The “Ask” (21)

“Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”

Matthew 20:21

3. Jesus responds to the request and the brothers affirm their availability (22)

a. Are you sure? (22)

b. Two Realities (23-24)

1. Suffering is in all their futures (23)

2. Team Grumbling - Indignation (24)

4. Jesus responds to the situation - defining greatness(25-28)

But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:25-28

a. Self-Centered Lording - Power (I’m in charge)

b. Servant Leadership - Sacrifice (Humility)

Matthew 20:20-28 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.”²² Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.”²³ He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them-²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Proverbs 31:30- 31 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.



Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 20:20-21,24 Imagine yourself with Jesus when the mother of the sons of Zebedee comes up to Him and makes a request about her sons’ places in Jesus’ kingdom. We see in verse 24 how the disciples responded . . . how would you have responded? Discuss.
2. Read Matthew 20:22-23. What is Jesus’ response? What do you learn from how Jesus replies? Discuss. (ABIDE)
3. Read Matthew 20:25-28. Think about your mother and other women in your life who modeled true servanthood for you as you grew in the Lord. What were some things you remember about their influence? Discuss.
4. Pray asking God to keep your mom and other women in your life focused on the Lord finding their identity only in Him.