

Greatness Through Service

MATTHEW 20:17-28

Main Idea:

Jesus shows that in his kingdom true greatness comes not through being served, but by serving others

Outline

A Sober Reality (17-19)

A Bold Request (20-23)

A True Greatness (24-28)

A Sober Reality (17-19)

“13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”

Galatians 3:13-14

A Bold Request (20-23)

Do you desire to be recognized for your contributions to the Kingdom?

Do you want your sacrifices paid back with greatness in heaven?

A Bold Request (20-23)

Jesus isn't trying to discourage us from hard work or service (in fact he is calling us to a life of service) – but instead he is condemning the desire to secure greatness for ourselves

A True Greatness (24-28)

Where are the places in your life where you most expect to be served by others and least expect to have to serve?

A True Greatness (24-28)

*“Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.*

*⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.*

*⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.”*

Isaiah 53:4-6

A True Greatness (24-28)

Because Jesus gave his life as a ransom for me, I am free to _____ .

Our service is not about earning a greatness for ourselves, but it is the loving response of a people who have been given everything!

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And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Phil 2:8-11