

WELCOME!

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

October 23, 2020

Follow Me: Lessons from the Lives of the Disciples

#7 – “You Will Drink This Cup”
Matthew 20:20-28

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Thesis for our Semester

Jesus uses *ordinary* men to accomplish His *extraordinary* mission.



Matthew 20:20-23

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. 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." 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." 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."

Helicopter Parenting



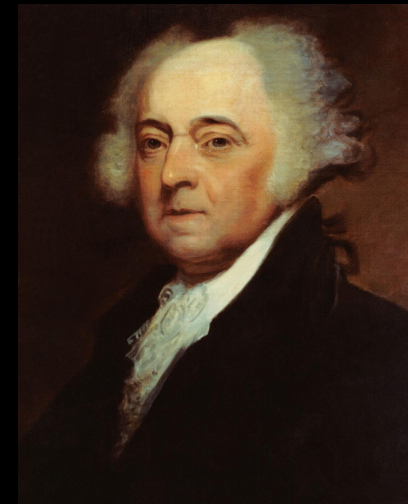
The Ask (Matthew 20:21)

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

Nepotism

The practice among those with power or influence of favoring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs.

Executive Office Nepotism



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Jesus' Response (Matthew 20:22)

“You do not know what you are asking.”

Ignorant of Two Things

Suffering comes before glory...

“Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?”

Ignorant of Two Things

The choice is the Father's...

“...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.”

Matthew 20:24-28

And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. 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.”

The Path to Kingdom Glory

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Next Week

Peter, James, and John, Part 1: “Child, arise.”

Discussion Questions

1. What might it cost you, in terms of time, energy, resources, to serve someone else?
2. What are the biggest obstacles that keep you from serving someone besides yourself?
3. Where in your life can you serve someone today?

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