

Greatness According to ***“The Chief Servant”***

Series: The Call to Greatness
(Final Message)

Matthew 20:20-28

Key Series
Scripture

Matthew 18:4

New King James

**Therefore whoever humbles
himself as this little child is
the greatest in the kingdom
of heaven.**

Scripture Text

Matthew 20
New King James

20. Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.
21. And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."
22. But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said to Him, "We are able."

Scripture Text

Matthew 20

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- 23. So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."
- 24. And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

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1. **A selfish
ambition**

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- 22. 22b.They said to Him, "We are able."
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2. An insightful correction

Matthew 20

22. But Jesus answered and said, "**You do not know what you ask.** Are you able **to drink the cup** that I am about to drink, and be **baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?**" They said to Him, "We are able."
23. So He said to them, "**You will indeed drink My cup,** and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is **not Mine to give,** but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."

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3. Loving instructions for greatness through servanthood

Matthew 20

- 25. But Jesus **called them to Himself** and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles **lord it over them**, and those who are great **exercise authority** over them.
- 26. Yet it **shall not be so among you**; but whoever **desires** to become great among you, **let him be your servant**.
- 27. And whoever **desires** to be first among you, let him be **your slave**—

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4. Our Perfect
Example of
servanthood: The
Chief Servant

Matthew 20

28. Just as the Son of Man **did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.**"

Key Points



A selfish ambition



Insightful correction



Loving instructions for greatness
through servanthood



Our Perfect Example of
servanthood: The Chief Servant

The Chief Servant's Challenge

Be cautious of desires that do not honor the Lord in some way.

Identify a practical act of service that will cost you in some way this coming week.

Is there a course correction needed to better identify with our Chief Servant?

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