

FOLLOWING JESUS TOGETHER



FOLLOW JESUS TO GREATNESS

Matthew 20:20-28

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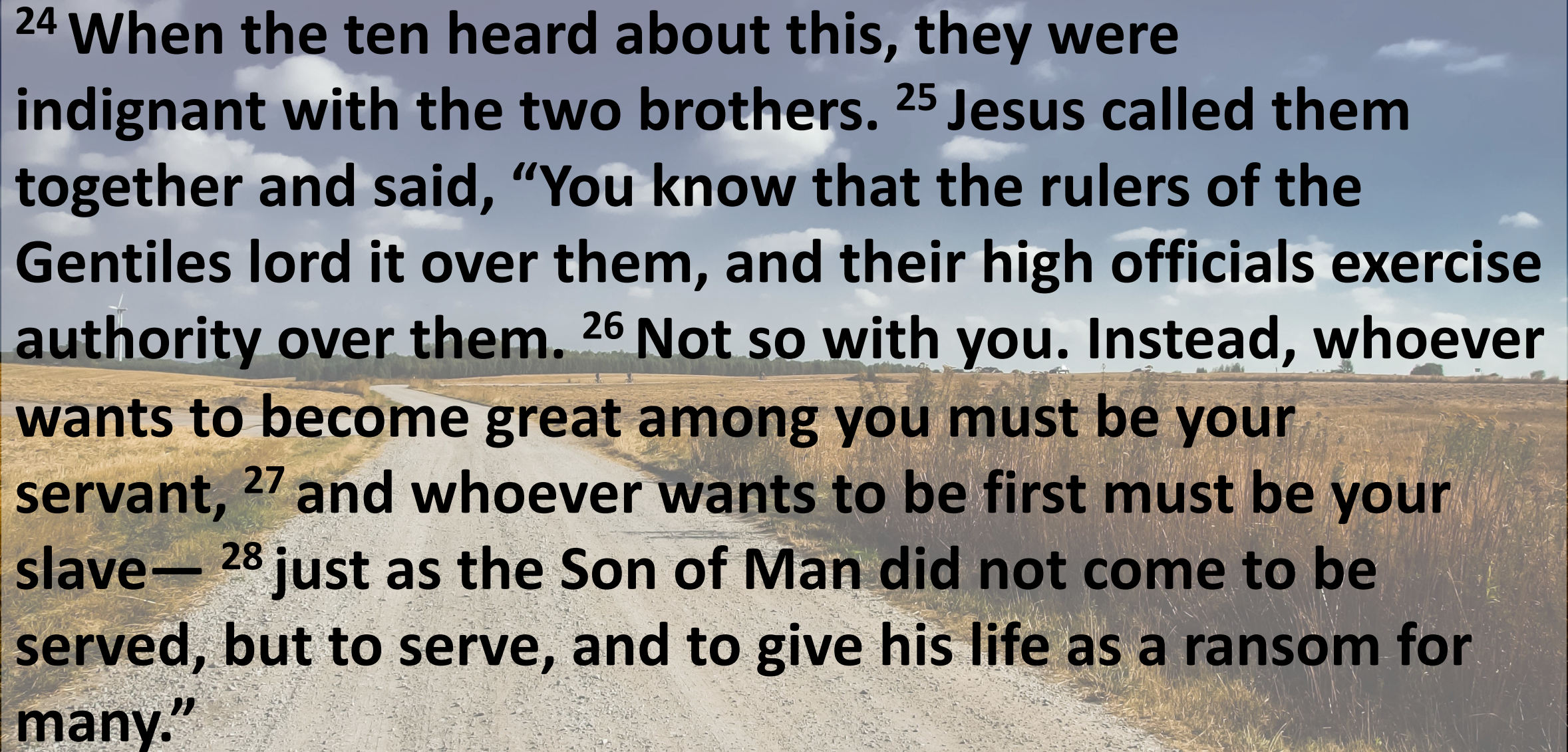


20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

21 "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."
22 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"
"We can," they answered.

23 Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."



²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. ²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1. Understandable / Ridiculous Request

-The teaching of Jesus: this is an upside down Kingdom.

-God gives greatness to those who practice smallness



2. Worldly Greatness (verses 24-25)

-Lord it over- position over others

-Exercise authority- make you do something



**3. Is power corrupting?- Jesus was ALL-POWERFUL.....
but NOT corrupted by it.**



A gravel road winds through a field of tall, dry grass under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the distance, a white wind turbine is visible on the left side of the road.

4. We are corrupted by power if we think the power is:

-mine- No, we are a steward of power

-limited- No, there is enough for all of us.

-about control- No, we are meant to empower others, not control them.

5. Jesus' Kingdom Greatness- Not so with you! (verse 26)

- reject worldly greatness**

- practice servant leadership**

- Assigned greatness- God assigns greatness to those who serve/ practice smallness.**

The way UP, is DOWN- Philippians 2:8-10

6. Choose Jesus' Kingdom greatness

-study Jesus (John 13)

-Ask for Jesus' forgiveness and salvation when we fail

-Choose to serve others, practice smallness, like Jesus