



Mother's Day I May 8, 2022
Worship Service
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ALTERED: Encounters with Jesus

Lesson Ten • Matthew 20:20-28

An Ambitious Mom

When Ambition Encounters Jesus

Jesus shows what ambition for GREATNESS looks like in the Kingdom of God.

An Ambitious Mom Encounters Jesus

1. Jesus Gently CORRECTS a Mother's Ambition for Her Two Sons!

A Mom's Ambition

The mother of James and John wanted her sons to be GREAT in God's kingdom by sitting in seats of highest honor and power on either side of Jesus on His throne (vs. 20-21).

Ambition of a Mom and Her Two Sons

- Their ambition is commendable: they BELIEVE in the reign of Jesus on the throne.
- Their ambition is regrettable: they are BLIND to the death of Jesus on the cross.

Cost of Kingdom Greatness

Jesus reveals that SUFFERING is the high cost of greatness in God's kingdom (vs. 22-23).

2. Jesus Firmly REDIRECTS the Disciples' Ambition in God's Kingdom!

Disciples' Ambition

The disciples were moved to INDIGNATION against the two brothers because of their own ambition to be great in God's kingdom (vs. 24).

Standard of Kingdom Greatness

Jesus reveals that SERVING is the high standard of greatness in God's kingdom (vs. 25-27).

Kingdom greatness is measured by kingdom service.

Two Different Standards of Greatness

- Reject the world's standard: to be great is to be OVER people.
- Follow Jesus' standard: to be great is to SERVE people.

Greatness of Jesus

Jesus is the ultimate EXAMPLE of true greatness with His humble servanthood and sacrificial suffering (vs. 28).

Mother's Day Question

Moms, what are you asking the Lord on behalf of your children and grandchildren?