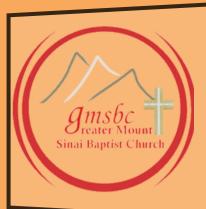


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# ACHIEVING GREATNESS THROUGH HUMILITY – MARK 10: 32-45

Pride comes in all shapes and sizes. Some of us put ourselves on a pedestal from which we judge the faults of everyone else. Others struggle with low self-esteem that they cannot take their eyes off themselves and their own inadequacies. Still others swing like a pendulum from one extreme to the other.

Personal Reflection: What is the difference between humility and a poor self-image? Reflect on Jesus' humility. Spend time in prayer asking God to use this study to build a little more of Jesus' character in you.



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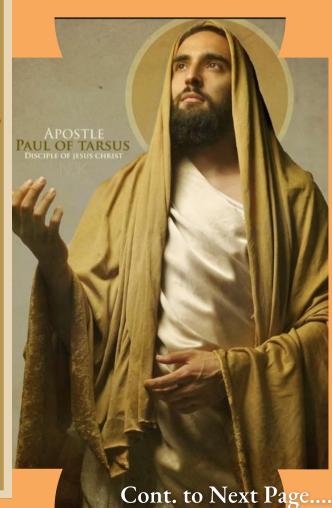


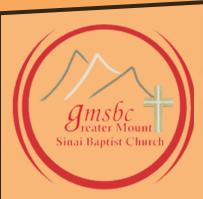
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Paul exhorts us neither to exalt nor to belittle ourselves, but rather to think of ourselves with sober judgment (Romans 12:3). In Mark 10 we see that the disciples too were constantly learning to live humbly like the Lord Jesus. Read Mark 10:32–45.

- 1. Describe the basic tension here between James and John on the one hand and Jesus on the other.
- 2. What does Jesus tell his disciples about what awaits him in Jerusalem (vv. 32–34)?
- 3. In light of this news, how is the request of James and John inappropriate (v. 35)?
- 4. In ways are you like James and John in this passage?
- 5. The words baptism and cup in verses 38–39 are sometimes used symbolically in Scripture to denote suffering. In this context, explain Jesus' reply to James and John.





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- 6. Compare the sin of the other ten disciples with that of James and John (v. 41).
- 7. Have you ever felt envious or even indignant when others were honored and you were not? Explain.
- 8. How does Jesus contrast greatness in the world with greatness in God's kingdom (vv. 42–45)?
- 9. What is radical about his definition of greatness?
- 10. In what ways do Christians today still embrace the world's concept of greatness?
- 11. Give a positive example of humility in action that you've seen in your church, family or work.
- 12. Jesus' concept of greatness and humility could transform every area of our lives. Name one way you could begin to follow his example.





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PRAY THAT GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT
WOULD HELP YOU NOT JUST TO DO
HUMBLE ACTS TO BE HUMBLE LIKE JESUS.
NOW OR LATER
READ 2 CORINTHIANS 12:1–10. WHAT
DOES GOD DO TO KEEP PAUL HUMBLE?
WHAT ARE SOME WAYS HE MIGHT BE
DOING THIS IN YOUR LIFE?

