

A Mother's Request

Family Expectations

Matthew 20:20-28

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

"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.

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."

When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. 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. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave-- 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. These brothers turned out to be significant leaders in the church. How much credit do you give their mother for this?

- a whole lot a little none

2. What did your parents expect you to do when you were young?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> play a musical instrument | <input type="checkbox"/> compete in sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> make good grades | <input type="checkbox"/> "be seen and not heard" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> do lots of chores | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

3. In what ways has "family scripting" played itself out in your adult life?

4. What issues cause the greatest conflict between you and other family members?

5. How can this group help you in prayer this week