

Jesus

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7. This "lack" has led many pastors to hunger for servant leadership (*how to have influence through servanthood vs power*) in themselves and their body.

20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.

21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."

22 Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?"

Leadership in God's kingdom –
requires death.

22 They said to him, "We are able."

23 He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

24 And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers.

- Leadership without *death unto our King* - grows pride and births division.
- Leadership with *death unto our King* - grows humility and births unity.

25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave,

28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- Leadership *without death unto our King* is the way of the dragon – and it causes us to *lead from power* or *in the fear of power*.

- Leadership *with death unto our King* is the way of the lamb – and it moves us to lead from *servanthood*.

We choose: we follow the dragon and his beasts along their parade route, ... fond of statistics, taking on whatever role is necessary to make a good show and get the applause of the crowds in order to get access to power and become self-important.

Or we follow the Lamb along a farmyard route, worshipping the invisible, listening to the foolishness of preaching, practicing a holy life that involves heroically difficult acts that no one will ever notice, in order to become, simply, our eternal selves in an eternal city.

It is the difference, politically, between wanting to use the people around us to become powerful (or, if unskilled, getting used by them), ...

and entering into covenants with the people around us so that the power of salvation extends into every part of the neighborhood, the society, and the world that God loves.

Humble servant leadership further defined:
is going first

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Living in the power of Jesus' death – empowers humble servant leadership.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might *die to sin and live to righteousness.*
By *his wounds you have been healed.*

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing *power belongs to God* and not to us.

8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair,

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. [Is 53:5]

The power of servant leadership
moves through us
because our Savior bent his knee –
to his Father.