

## Grasping for Greatness

*Read Mark 9:33-37*

Jesus, You had set Your face to go to Jerusalem.  
You had explained to Your disciples that  
    You would be handed over to Your enemies to  
    suffer and  
    die.

You called them to  
    take up their own crosses and  
    follow You there.

And in the next breath, what are they doing?  
Arguing among themselves about  
    who would be the greatest.  
You had called them to suffer.  
    All they could think about was basking in glory.  
You had called them to be servants.  
    They still dreamed of being prime minister.

Lord, too often I'm as dull as they.  
I dream of greatness,  
    not service.

Such foolish pride is so persistent.  
But I find it melts away as I  
    look to You and  
    love others.

Lord Jesus, fill my life with those.  
Teach me to look to You  
    constantly  
    through the day.  
Help me to forget about doing "great things" and instead  
    simply show love to those around me.

*God is a giver, not a taker,  
so serving in His name is  
not about receiving,  
but about giving.  
Forget about glory and gold, which are  
shallow and  
deceptive.  
Focus on humble self-sacrifice.  
Pick up your cross and  
follow Christ.  
Imitate Him.*

Hymn: **Not Greatness, but Sacrifice**

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