

**He came to give his life as a ransom for many
Matthew 20:17-27**

How does power and privilege affect us?

The fallen cycle of oppression hopelessly enslaves us to...

- I. Abuse privilege promoting self-seeking interests instead of serving each other Matthew 20:20-21.**
 - a. James, John and their mother: getting ahead.
 - b. Two kinds of wisdom: selfish ambition or sacrificial service James 3:13-18.

- II. Abuse privilege for taking instead of giving Matthew 20:22-23.**
 - a. Entitlement.
 - b. Grace.

- III. Abuse privilege oppressing others instead of setting them free Matthew 20:25-28, 17-19, Philippians 2:1-11.**

**True greatness is not about how many serve us
But about how many of us serve**

**True righteousness does not begin in the political spotlight of the world
But in the secret of a humble and contrite heart submitted to the Lord.**

1. What do you do when you witness injustice in the community? Before we can be agents of righteousness in the world we must humbly acknowledge we need to be rescued from our selfish ambition. Only Christ can change the heart of those who are hopelessly corrupt.
2. Perhaps you are struggling with narcissistic or destructive tendencies, you can continue to try to advance your cause under your own resources or you can embrace the way of Jesus denying yourself, taking up your cross and following him. Rest assured, no one will ever be there for you like Christ. You can trust him with your life for he gave his life for you.