*May 13, 2018 – Mother’s Day*

“…To Ask A Favor”

*Matthew 20:20-28*

***Matthew 20:20-28 NLT -*** *Then* ***the mother of James and John****, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus with her sons****. She knelt respectfully to ask a favor.******21“What is your request?”****he asked.* ***She replied, “In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.” 22But Jesus answered by saying to them, “You don’t know what you are asking!*** *Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink?” “Oh yes,” they replied, “we are able!” 23Jesus told them,****“You will indeed drink from my bitter cup. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. My Father has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen.”*** *24When the ten other disciples heard what* ***James and John had asked, they were indignant.****25But Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them****.****26****But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,****27****and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.****28****For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”***

***Matthew 20:20-21 VOICE*** *- As Jesus was speaking about the things that were to come, Zebedee’s wife, whose sons were among Jesus’ disciples,* ***came to Jesus with her sons and knelt down before Him to ask a favor****. 21 “****What do you want?”*** *“When the kingdom of God is made manifest,* ***I wan****t one of my boys, James and John, to sit at Your right hand, and one to sit at Your left hand.”*

***Hebrews 4:16 NKJV - Let us*** *therefore* ***come boldly to the throne of grace****, that* ***we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

*2 Timothy 1:5-7 NIV84 - I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

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* ***Matthew 20:20 NLT***

***Matthew 20:20 VOICE*** *- …****Came to Jesus with her sons and knelt down before Him to ask a favor****.*

***Matthew 20:20 KJV*** *- …****Worshipping Him, and desiring a certain thing of Him****.*

*Hebrews 10:19-22 TPT - And now we are brothers and sisters in God’s family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come right into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and with no hesitation. 20For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God. For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus’ body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him! 21And since we now have a magnificent King-Priest to welcome us into God’s house, 22we come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!*

*Isaiah 55:6 NIV78 - Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.*

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***Matthew 20:21 NLT -******“What is your request?”****he asked.* ***She replied, “In your Kingdom, please let my two sons sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left.”***

*James 4:2-3 VOICE - …You do not have because you have chosen not to ask. 3And when you do ask, you still do not get what you want because your motives are all wrong—because you continually focus on self-indulgence.*

***Matthew 20:22 NLT -******But Jesus answered… “You don’t know what you are asking…!***

*Matthew 7:7-8 AMP - “Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you. 8For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking, it will be opened.”*

*Philippians 3:12 NIV84 - …I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.*

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* ***Matthew 20:22-28 NLT***

*Ephesians 1:17 NIV -I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

* The of CHRIST.

* + ***Matthew 20:23 NLT***

*Philippians 2:5-11 NIV84 - Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

* The of CHRIST.
	+ ***Matthew 20:24-28 NLT***
* The of Sons in CHRIST.
	+ ***Matthew 20:23 NLT***

*Jeremiah 29:12-13 AMP - Then you will call on Me and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear [your voice] and I will listen to you. 13Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.*

***Ephesians 3:20 AMP*** *- Now* ***to Him******Who****, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us,* ***is able to*** *[carry out His purpose and]* ***do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]--***