

THE GREAT REQUEST

Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Hebrews 5:1-10 | Mark 10:32-45

Asking for _____

Starting with _____

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READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

There's so much to this text, and especially since I had covered Matthew's version in Bible Study a few weeks ago, I feel very immersed in it. There's a lot of nuance – that the places on the left and right of Jesus in his glory are given to others (the two thieves, who join Jesus on crosses, when Jesus takes his throne upon the cross). There's a lot to it. Perhaps the most significant thing for me in it though is this sense that greatness, true greatness, is found not in power over others, but power to support and bless others. It's the heart of what Jesus does, and the heart of what he will teach the disciples to do.

Reflect:

Where are the places that you have been tempted to have power over others? Thinking on our world, our nation and ourselves, where have we seen that at work? How does it work, sometimes even in ways that we are blinded to? How does that work out?

Where are the places that God is inviting you to support and bless from below, right now? How is he inviting you to this?

Respond:

God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. How so?

Remember:

“Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant...” Mark 10:43