

You're Not Far "Not So Among You"
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"I have come so that you may have life...and life to the full." (**John 10:10**)

Where there is FEAR, there is SELF-PRESERVATION

Mark 8: 31-33

³¹ Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. ³² As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.

³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

Peter allowed FEAR to motivate his reaction...instead of allowing FAITH to lead his response.

Mark 8: 34-35

³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

Mark 10: 35-38

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor."

³⁶ "What is your request?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

³⁸ But Jesus said 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? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"

Mark 10:42-45

⁴² So 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. ⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. ⁴⁵ 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."

The world says: The HIGHER up you go the more POWER you'll have

Jesus says: The LOWER you go the more INFLUENCE you'll receive. (**Mark 10:43**)

The world says: Keep your insecurities to yourself and present yourself with STRENGTH..
Jesus says: REJOICE in your weakness for there my power is made PERFECT. (**2 Corinthians 12:9**)

The world says: KEEP it for yourself...
Jesus says: More blessed to GIVE than it is to receive..(**Acts 20:35**)

The world says: HOARD things up for you never know when you'll need it
Jesus says: I PROVIDE for the flowers in the field and the birds in the sky...how much more will I take care of you (**Matthew 6:26-27**)