



NOT ME BUT WE

John 13:34; Mark 10:32-44

Mark 10:41-45, ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ **Not so with you.** Instead, **whoever wants to become great** among you must be your **servant**, ⁴⁴ and **whoever wants to be first** must be **slave of all**. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man **did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Loving Interpersonally as Jesus Does

- F - Finding Treasure
- R - Relying on Real Love
- I - Investing in Others Successfully
- E - Eliminating Toxic Interaction
- N- Not Me But We

John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Matthew 18:19, "Again, truly I tell you that if **two of you on earth** agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."

Why Do We Fight With One Another?

1) We want to be **FIRST**.

Mark 10:32-37, ³² They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him. ³³ "We are going up to Jerusalem," he said, "and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise." ³⁵ **Then** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "**we want you** to do **for us** whatever we ask." ³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

Philippians 2:3-5, ³ Do **nothing** out of **selfish ambition** or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility** value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

2) We want to be NOTICED.

Matthew 23:1-7, ¹ Then Jesus said to the crowds **and** to his disciples: ² "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. ³ **So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach . . .** ⁵ **"Everything they do is done for people to see:** They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; ⁶ they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; ⁷ they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called 'Rabbi' by others."

3) We want to be IN CONTROL.

James 4:1-2, ¹ **What causes fights and quarrels among you?** Don't they come from **your desires that battle within you?** ² You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God.

How Do We Flourish Together?

1) We choose HUMILITY over AMBITION.

Philippians 2:3, Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, **in humility** value others above yourselves.

Acts 9:36

2) We choose HUMILITY over FAME.

Matthew 6:1, "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."

3) We choose HUMILITY over CONTROL.

John 15:7 (NKJV), If you **abide in Me**, and **My words** abide in you, **you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?