



## Radical - Part 1 - "Full Enough to Overflow"

### 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 (NIV)

14 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

15 And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

16 So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

### Mark 10:35-45 (NIV)

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."

38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

39 "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

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."

### Key Points

- Our lives should serve as an expression of God's character, heart, and love.
- We don't find our purpose by obsessing about it; we step into it when we look outside ourselves. If we give our lives away, we'll never lack purpose.
- Serving flows from fullness and having a high view of God and ourselves - it's not merely an activity but a way of life.
- Serving is offering yourself to another for their good and contributing to the good of the world around us.
- God's love is the foundation for the fullness of human expression. Fullness isn't about getting but giving ourselves away.
- Service is expressive. The goal is to live full enough to give yourself.

## **READ**

***Open your time together by reading the scripture passages on Page 1. Then, take a moment to consider what you just read:***

- ***Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-17. What should compel us to give ourselves away for the sake of the world around us?***
- ***Read Mark 10:35-45. How did Jesus redefine greatness? What does greatness look like in God's Kingdom? How does it starkly contrast with the world's view of greatness?***

## **REFLECT**

- ***Fullness isn't about getting but giving ourselves away. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? How does your answer influence how you leverage your life toward what you believe will bring you deep satisfaction?***
- ***Serving flows from fullness and having a high view of God and ourselves - it's not merely an activity but a way of life. How does possessing a low view of God and ourselves cause us to hesitate to serve?***

## **RESPOND**

- ***Our lives are expressive. If this is true, how would you describe what your life is currently expressing?***
- ***Serving flows from fullness. Are there places in your life where you find yourself running on empty?***
- ***We don't find our purpose by obsessing about it; we step into it when we look outside ourselves. Where do you feel God nudging you to look outside yourself for the good of another?***

## **PRAY**

***Close your time together with prayer requests. Ask how you can pray, support, and lift one another up. Pray over these requests either collectively or by breaking up into prayer partners.***