

BEWARE OF THE

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How do you slay the Me Monster?
Matthew 20:20–28

Chances are you've met the Me Monster before. You're having a conversation with someone and all they can talk about is Me, Myself, and I! These Me Monsters can be obnoxious and annoying. But there's a more subtle and insidious Me Monster lurking. It's the one you know the best and simultaneously are unaware of. Have you guessed who yet? That's right! It's you. And me. And all of us. Jesus taught that the only true way to live is to beware of the Me Monster.

To slay the Me Monster you must selflessly serve others and faithfully follow Jesus' example.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. **21** And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” **22** Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” **23** He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” **24** And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. **25** But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. **26** It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, **27** and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, **28** even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- Why do you think people become self-consumed? Avoid the simple answer of pride. Yes, pride is probably true but dig deeper.
- Looking at Matthew 20, why were the disciples prideful? Turn to Matthew 18:1 and 19:28–30 for more context.
- Pastor Dustin said that culture’s ambition is for prestige and power. How has prestige and power crept up in your own life?
- Jesus calls his disciples, past, present, and future, to be a servant and slave. How does selflessly serving others help slay the Me Monster within us?
- What does it look like to selflessly serve others in your life? How do we know our motives are pure and not self-seeking?
- How do we balance selflessly serving others and not being used and abused by others?
- Jesus tells us he modeled selflessly serving others. How did he do this? For more context, look at Philippians 2:5–11.
- How then is the gospel more than just the message that saves us? How should it animate the Christian life?
- If we are to follow Jesus’ example faithfully, what should our service look like? Think beyond it *just* being selfless.
- What is your next step? Regardless of who you are, we all have a Me Monster living inside of us. What do you need to do today to slay your Me Monster?