[Mar 10:32-45 ESV] – 32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33 saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. 34 And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise." 35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." 38 Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" 39 And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

I. Intro
   A. Let the little kids come to me, Big Faith
   B. Don't trust in your wealth, Big Faith
   C. Don't trust in your position, Big Faith
   D. Big Faith is active faith, serving faith
      1. It is not for position
      2. It is not for a hoped for result
      3. It is for the cause of Christ, and the benefits will come, as well as challenges
II. Text
   A. Verses 32-34
      1. This was a tense conversation with those who were following Jesus
      2. This is the third time he has told of His coming sacrifice to the 12 and another time he told Peter, James, and John
      3. Jesus gets more specific and more detailed this time, and the disciples still miss it.
   B. Verses 35-38
      1. Such a strange request and concept
      2. After telling the disciples He was about to go suffer, they are asking to sit at His right and left in glory.
      3. The Sons of Zebedee, the sons of thunder…movers and shakers
         a) They had been there through it all
         b) They had done hard things
         c) They had been loyal followers from the beginning
         d) And now they are asking for a prominent position
   C. Verses 39-41
      1. They believe they are able
      2. Jesus doesn't correct them, but just says it has already been appointed
      3. There is a natural challenge amongst the disciples,
         a) Not because they thought James and John were wrong in the request, but because they all wanted this prominence and James and John beat them to it.
         b) The wickedness of our flesh rises at just the wrong time, but demonstrates our need for Jesus.
   D. Verses 42-44
      1. Rulers in the world lord it over their subjects

2. There is a contrast being made here of what true power and authority look and act like.
3. We cannot control people into obedience and expect them to have a heart change.
4. If you want to be a leader, be a servant.

E. Verse 45
1. Jesus sacrificed everything
2. Jesus is our ultimate example
3. We see this in His life, ministry, and words.

III. Point

A. Importance in the Small Things
1. Illustration:
   a) On November 13, 2026 at approximately 3:30 pm, all air traffic in the United States was stopped, and it lasted for 4 hours
   b) The ripple effect set back flight schedules for many days, and people were stranded all over the country.
   c) It is alleged that a small airport in El Dorado, Arkansas was upgrading a router and wires and shut the whole thing down.
   d) One South Arkansas good ol boy swapping out some wires shut it all down.
   e) This backwater FAA Radio outpost had a global impact
2. I hope you are never the one that accidentally plugs a router in that shuts down the world, but it does show that one act, by one person, can have a global impact.
3. Serve your neighbor, serve your kids, serve your spouse, serve your coworkers, serve people you encounter.
4. Show them the joy of Christ, the kindness of Christ, and the truth of Christ.
5. But, leave the results up to Jesus to do His work.
6. Remember your heart for Jesus as your serve our church, community, and world.
7. Scripture teaches us that we are:
   a) More than conquerors…
   b) Joint heirs with Christ…
   c) Called and equipped, and expected to lead…
   d) BUT THAT NEVER EXEMPTS US FROM SERVICE.

B. Ready in the Big Things
1. Serving in the quiet, small areas will prepare us for the big things to come.
2. When we practice the small things, the big moment will be just another moment.
3. Illustration: Routine Ground Ball
   a) MLB professional athletes are seemingly the most even tempered of professional athletes
   b) They seem to take wins and losses in stride, knowing its a long season.
   c) Before every game they practice hitting the ball, just as they have been doing since they were 5 years old
   d) Between every inning, of every game, they practice throwing a routine ground ball to first base
   e) So, when its down to the last out of the world series and the SS fields a ground ball that needs to be thrown to first base, it is completely routine.
4. When you are called to serve, to preach, to go on mission, to lead a SS class, the servant mindset of Christ should never leave us:
   a) The Gentiles LORD OVER their subjects
   b) The wicked PHARISEES did the same
   c) Jesus was showing servant leadership, and expecting servant leadership.
5. In the Church:
   a) We have one LORD, and its Jesus
   b) I'm called to lead, that means I'm to be an example of service and sacrifice
   c) You are called to lead with the servant heart of Jesus, even when its hard and messy

6. THIS IS THE BIG THING:
    a) It does not get bigger or more important in kingdom work that to serve others
    b) You may be called to be a decision maker, but if you are not also willing to get your hands dirty, your authority is limited.
7. [Phl 2:3-11 ESV] – 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
8. [1Pe 5:1-7 ESV] – 1 So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

C. Never move past a servants heart
1. Going through school there is always a goal of graduating and moving to the next thing, either more school or a job
2. But in Christ we find the never ending importance of continual service to the mission.
3. We do not graduate from that!
4. We are not as important as we think we are some times, and we are not as insignificant as we think we are some times.
5. We have learned that our power, authority, and righteousness only comes through the shed blood, death, and resurrection of Jesus
6. Serve as:
    a) You are called
    b) You are gifted
    c) You see a need
    d) You have ability
    e) God is putting genuine ministry in front of you every day, serve in that role
7. LOVE COMPELS US TO SERVICE

IV. Close

A. [1Co 13:1-13 ESV] – 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in

part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

B. Love and service, by faith, in obedience.