

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Proverbs 10.

How many of you remember having a baked chicken for dinner and doing your best to get to be one who got to pull apart the wish bone after it dried out?

"How Breaking a Wishbone Became Tradition:

Ancient Romans were the first to see the wishbone as a symbol of luck, which eventually turned into the tradition of actually breaking it apart. A chicken wishbone would be snapped apart by two people while they were each making a wish. The person holding the longer piece was said to have good fortune or a wish granted. If the bone cracked evenly in half, both people would have their wishes come true.

As the Romans traveled through Europe, they brought this tradition with them, and the English eventually adopted this practice, too." (Thekitchn.com)

Mark 10:36 "What do you want Me to do for you?" He inquired." (BSB)

One day, James and John approached Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of You." (Mk. 10:35 NASU)

Going to God in prayer, asking for the things we need is important, and we are instructed to ask and seek after God's will in order to find it. But what happens when what we are asking for is not of God but is selfish. In this passage, James and John wanted the privilege of sitting next to Jesus when He came into His kingdom. They wanted greatness, recognition, power, and prestige. They wanted to share in His glory.

Jesus responded that they did not know what they were asking. Jesus's kingdom is not of this earth, and what they wanted was not what they would expect.

In the end, Jesus told them not to seek after greatness but opportunities to serve others.
" Mark 10:43-45 "But it shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. 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." (BSB)

Seek God, not glory.