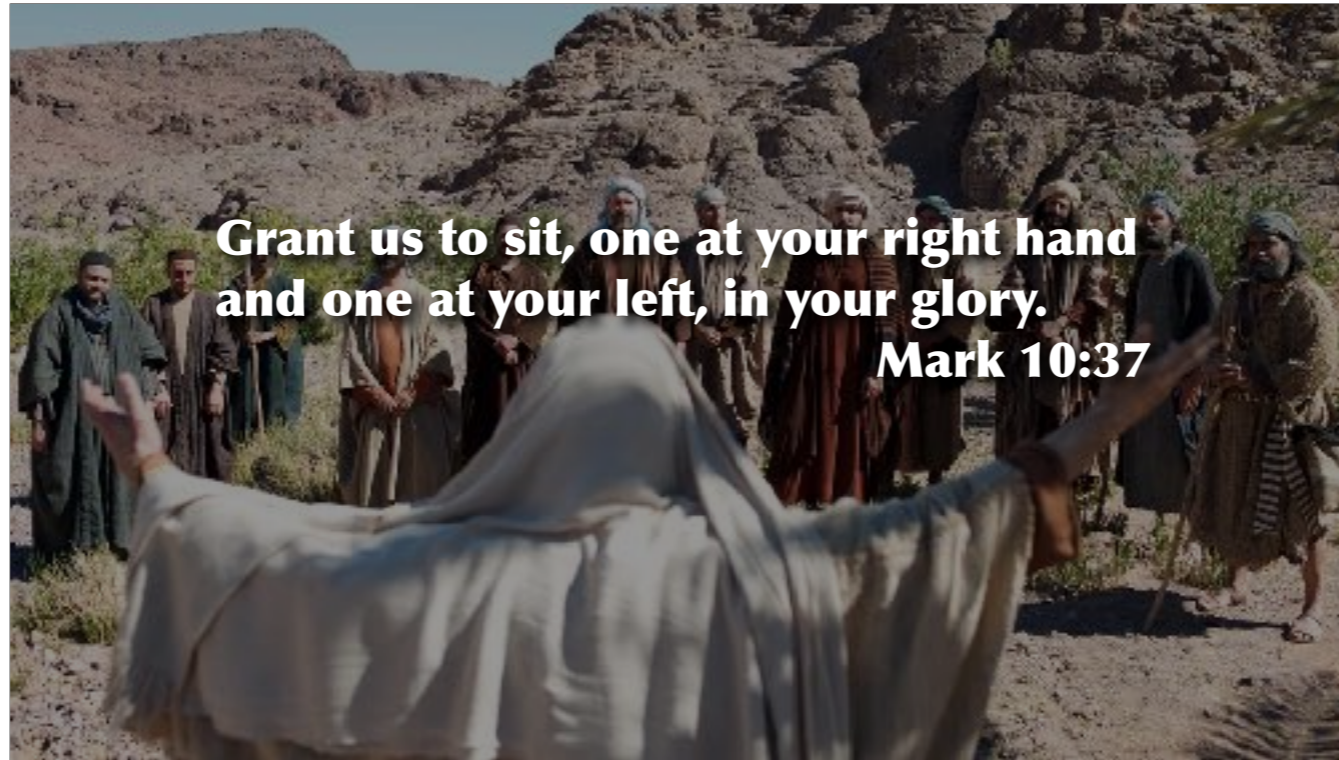
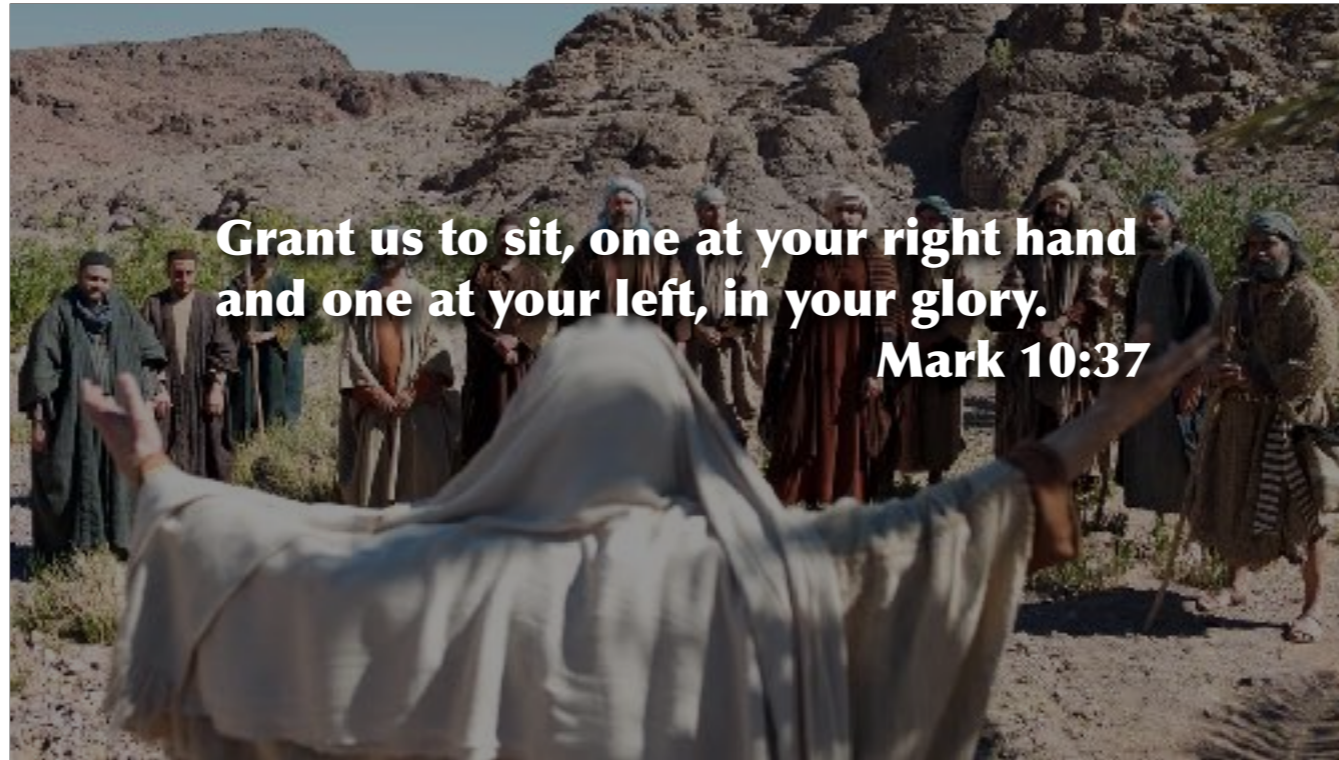


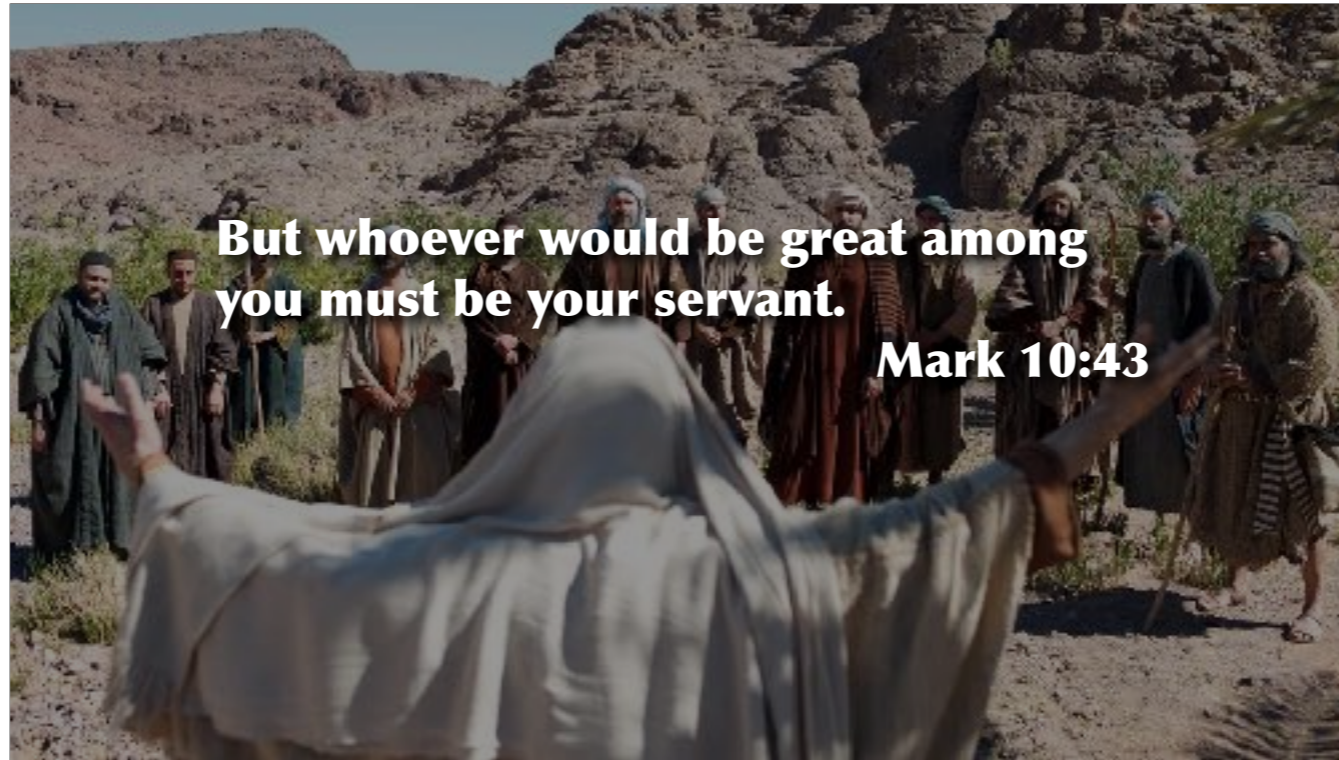
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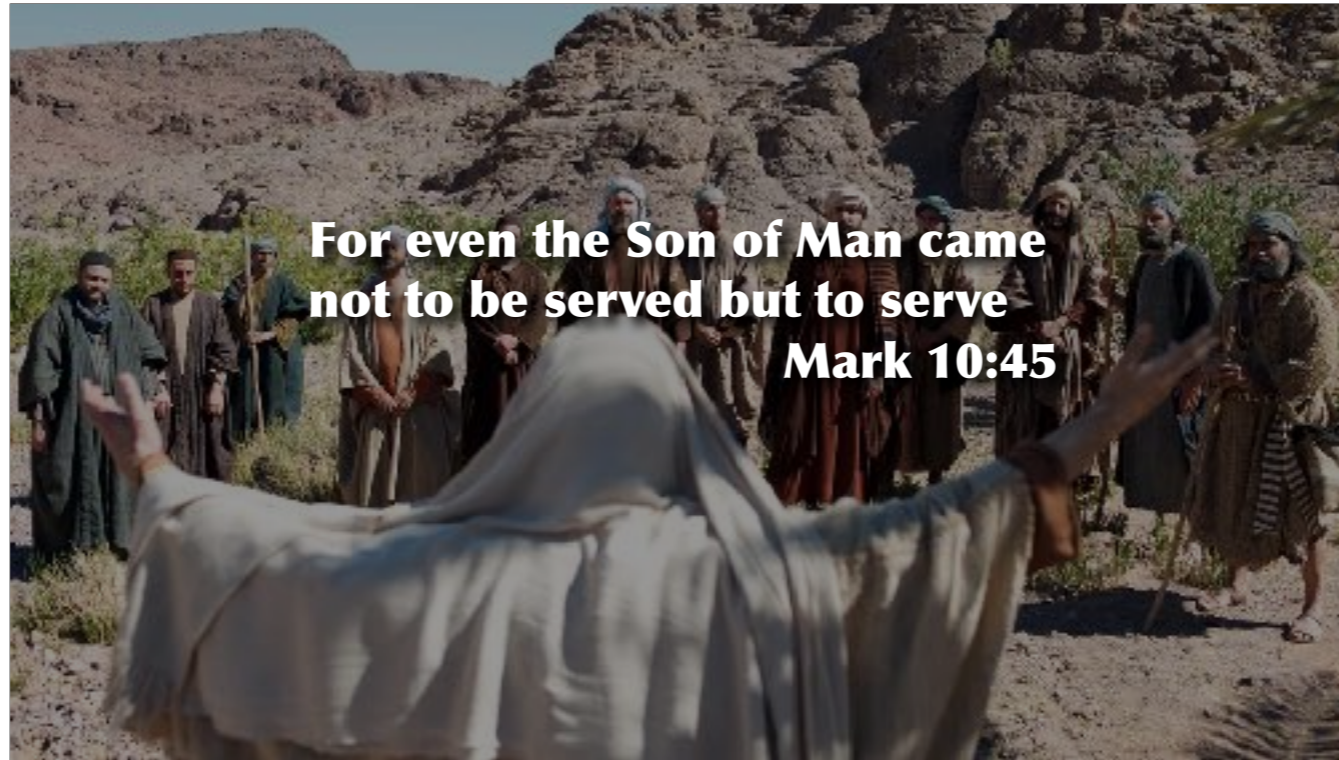
- Mark 10:35-37 (ESV) 35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." 36 And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" 37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."



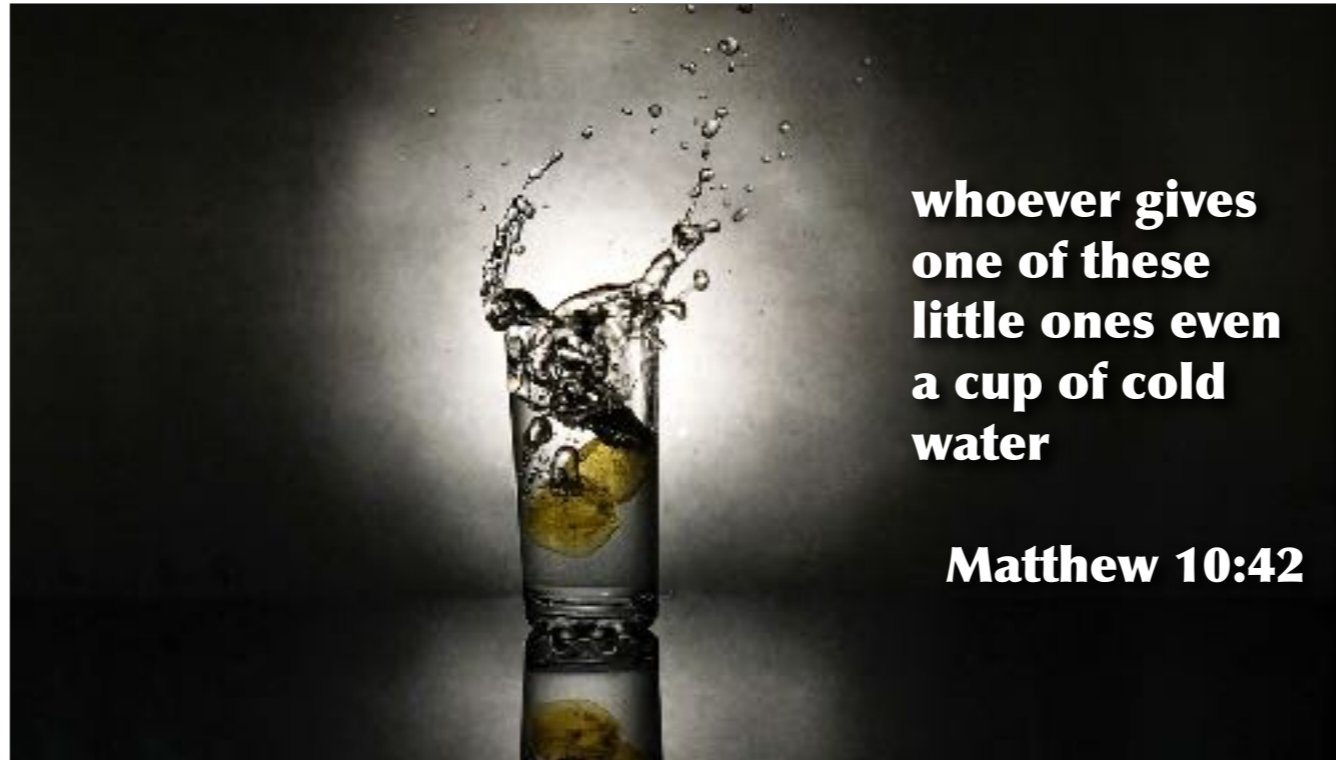
- Most people have a tendency to want to be extraordinary in some way
 - We give out awards at young ages
 - Push students to be valedictorian: top of the class
 - Athletes to be the MVP
 - Best in business
 - You can be president.
- We seem to dread being ordinary, average



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- Contrary to the thinking of the world ... our Savior doesn't point us toward the extraordinary (as defined by world)
- But to serving.



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- And provides himself as the example of one who doesn't strive to be first or to be great
- Rather he came to serve and to give.



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Matthew 10:42

- There is glory in the ordinary
- Matthew 10:42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”
- How do we come to see the glory in the ordinary?
 - We struggle because all around us the world worships and urges the grand, the great, the outstanding
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 - So we don't want to be classed among the average. And ordinary is an insult.
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 - Mark 6:3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.
- Is the remark of those who are awed by his greatness? Or astonished at the boldness of who is so ordinary, so average, who is just another one of them.



- During those early years Jesus worked as a carpenter
 - There's nothing to indicate that he was a fevered fanatic during that time.
 - Probably taught by his father, he did his work.



- Yet when it was time to begin the task for which he had come, to seek and save the lost,
 - Was he considered extraordinary by those who heard him?
 - Many came because of the miracles ... but were not interested in his teaching.
 - Many came testing him, questioning him, challenging him.
 - The teaching found in the gospel is not ranting, furious.
 - He strives to increase understanding
 - He invites them over and over to follow him.



- Only a few in life become extraordinary (however we choose to define that)
 - Millions and millions of us are ordinary.
 - It's these ordinary mothers, fathers, workers, teachers, who shape the future from generation to generation.
 - In some ways, they have more influence than those few extraordinary people.



- Jesus, the Christ, was not what Israel or the World expected.
- Can you think of Jesus as a carpenter?
 - wood shavings on the floor, hands rough from working,
 - usually we think of him as a wise teacher, a gentle healer
 - But what about when he was building houses, or table legs, or yokes



- Can you see Jesus learning from his father about how to carve, drill, build?
 - Joseph didn't give Jesus the education of a king, or a scholar, or a healer
 - Was this the best way to prepare a king to rule? (World -- NO!)
- Yet this is how God chose to prepare his son for saving a lost world.
 - In an inconsequential village
 - The creator of the heavens and earth ... working as a carpenter.



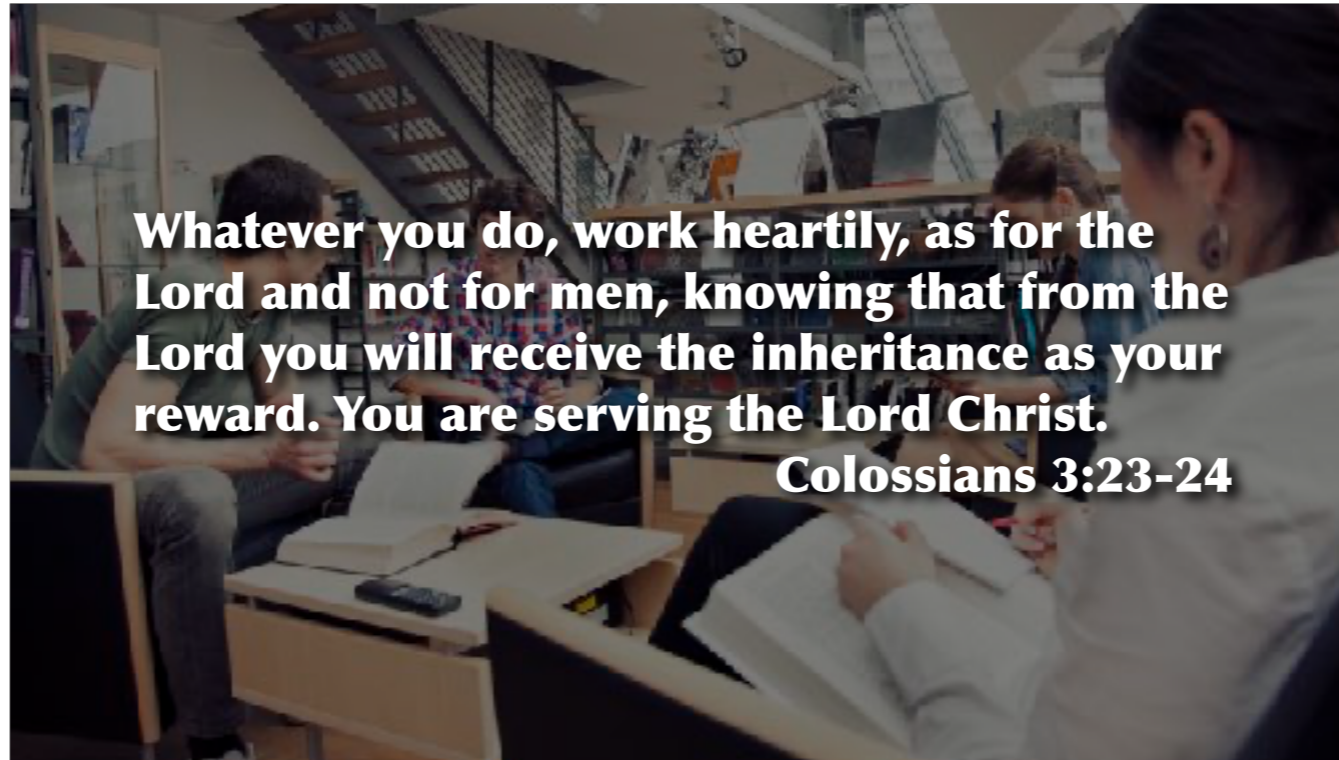
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- Jesus was not what they expected in the messiah ... they were offended
 - What gave Jesus the son of a carpenter the right to teach them about righteousness?
 - He’s just an ordinary guy, one they knew



- Isaiah 53:2-3 (ESV) 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men,

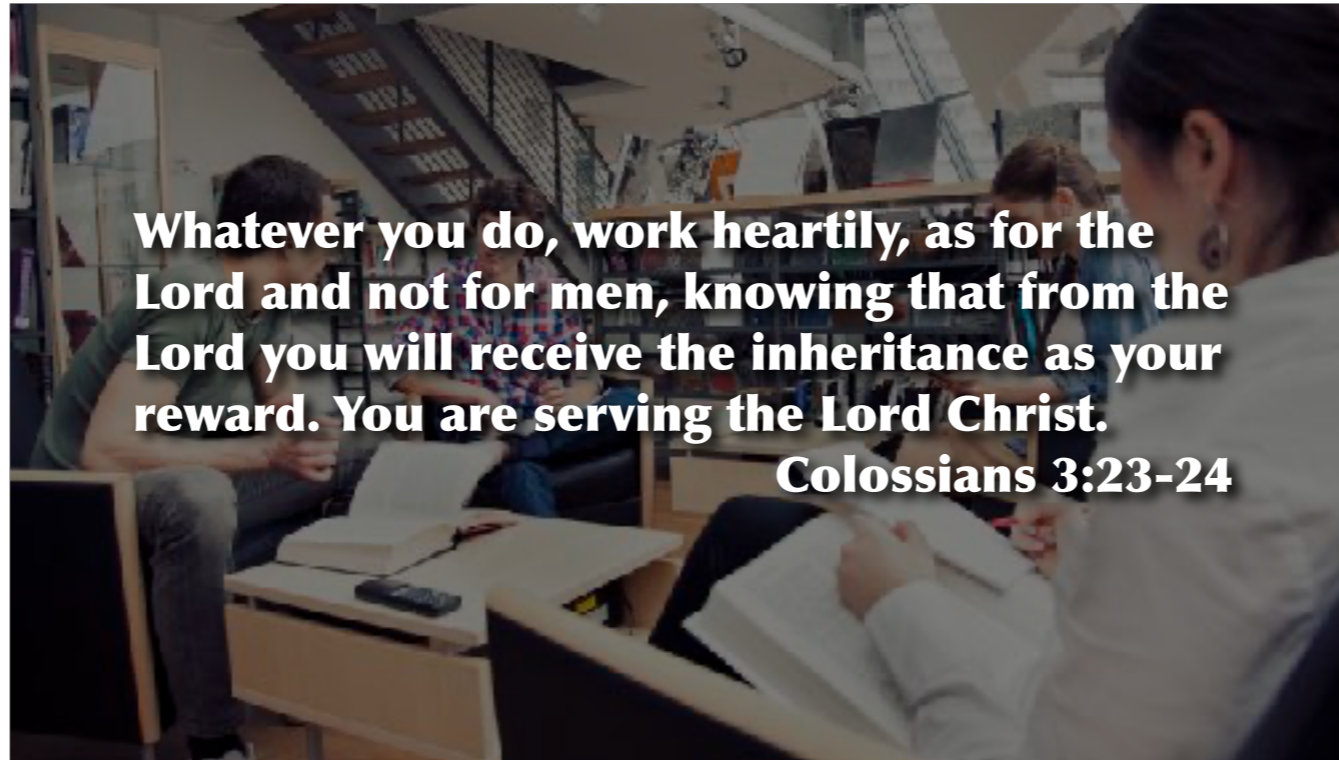


- John 1:24-27 (ESV) 24 (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) 25 They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” 26 John answered them, “I baptize with water, **but among you stands one you do not know**, 27 even he who comes after me, **the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.**”
- Imagine the people looking around ... looking right past Jesus.
 - There was nothing about Jesus that would make the people look at him as a king, or the messiah.



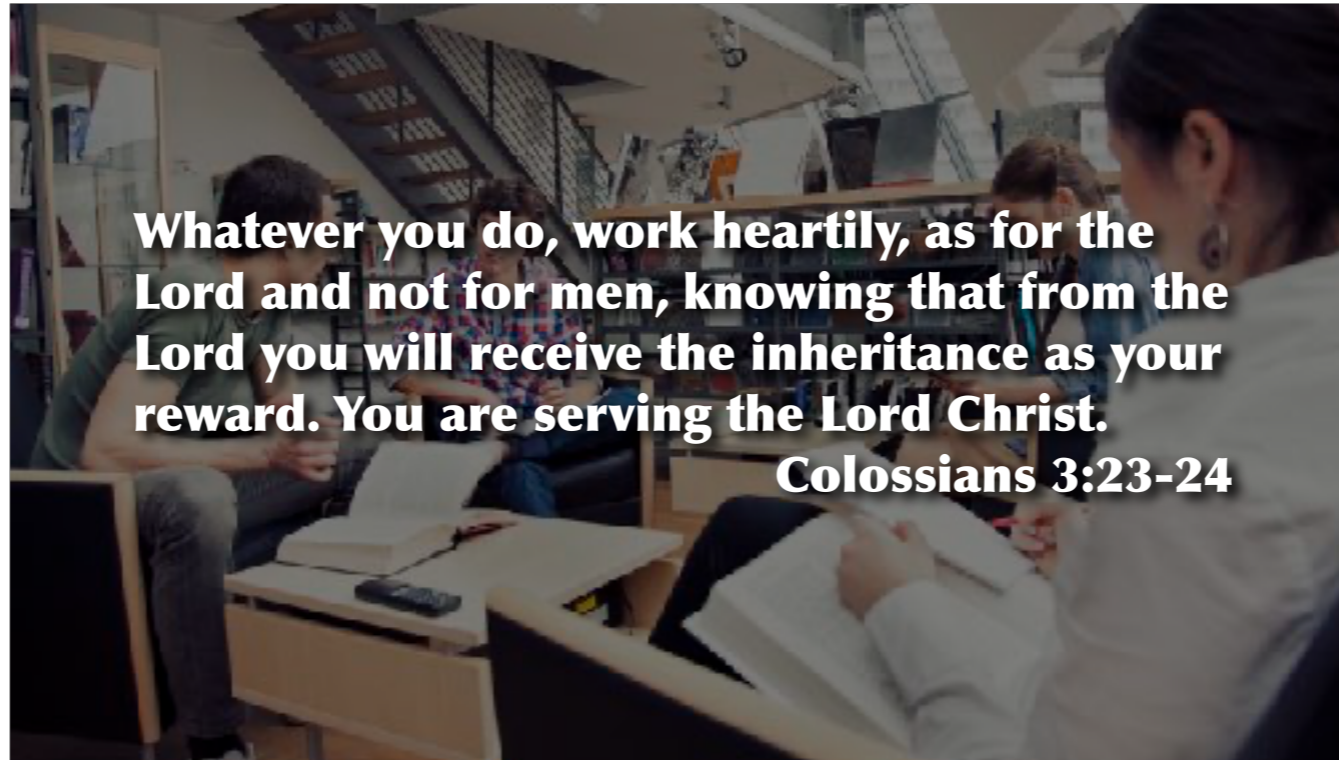
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- Paul's instruction to those saints who were bondservants
 - Which is certainly not extraordinary!

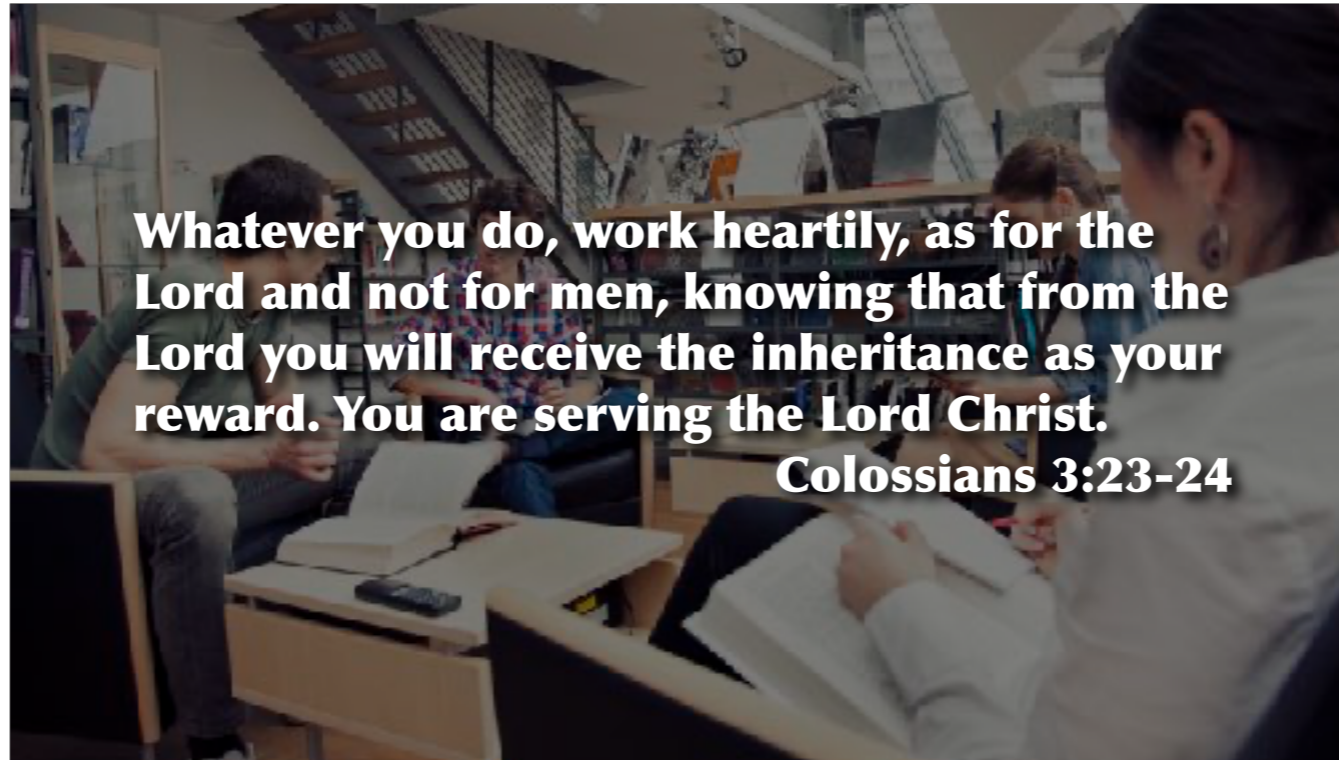


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- Jesus' years between 12 and 30 were characterized by the ordinary. Ordinary work
 - Some may think of this time as "inglorious service"
 - in contrast to His public ministry
 - but this view is wrong

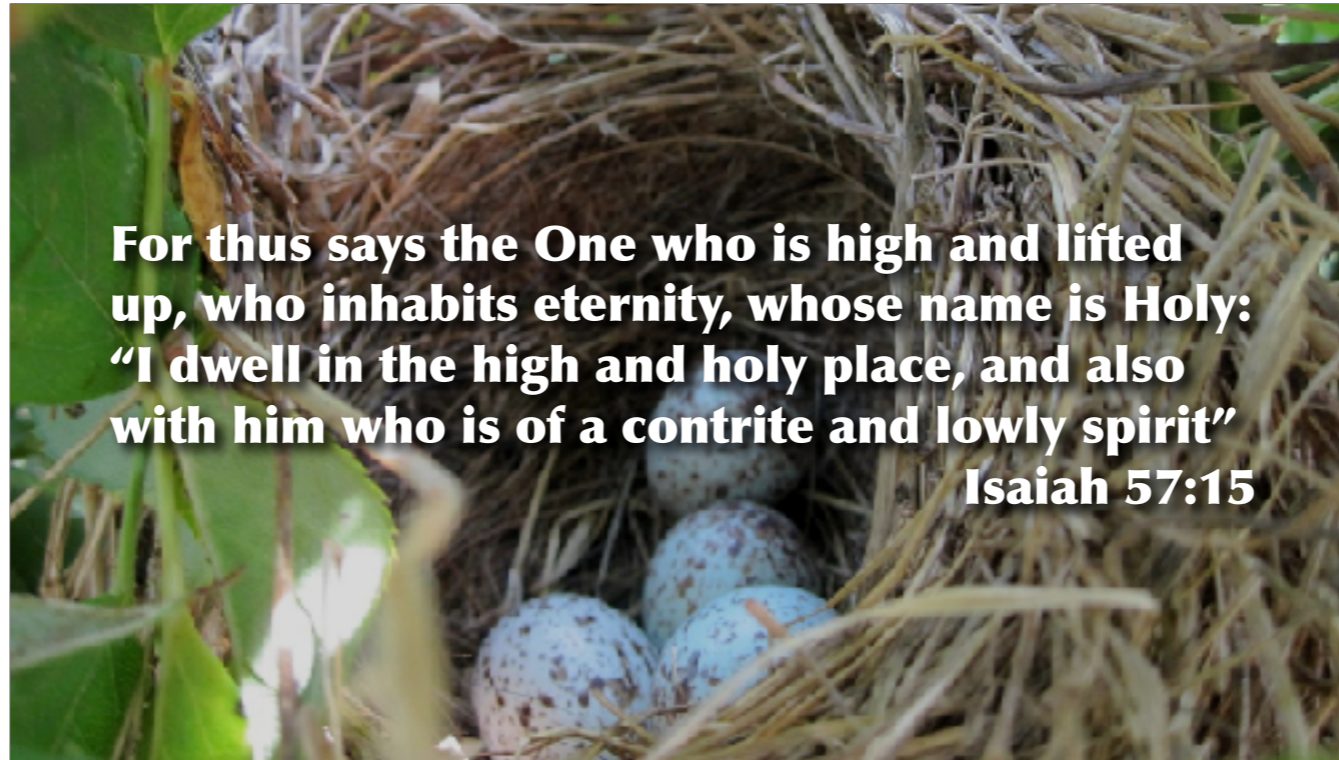


- However, this is what we do when we divided life into our “self defined” categories of secular and holy.
 - Jesus’ ordinary life shows that all of our life should be holy.
 - The heart determines if something is sacred or secular.
 - The ordinary does not rob us from joy.
 - Many religious leaders today steal the joy of ordinary from people.
 - They make people believe that people other than full-time ministers are spending most of their life in the secular.
 - While they are involved in “God’s work!



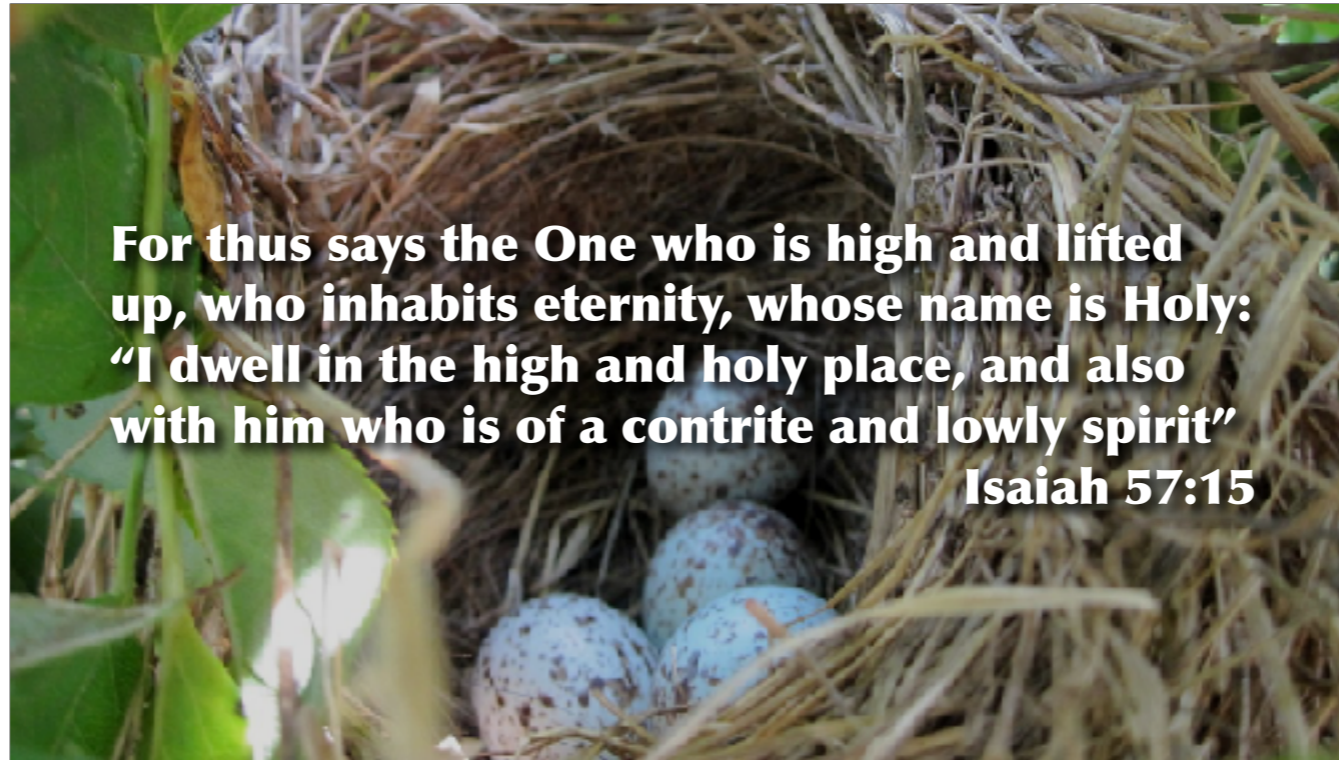
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- Jesus spent only three years ministering and 30 years living as an ordinary tradesman in Nazareth.
 - Paul sometimes had to make tents like other ordinary people to make a living.
 - Our greatest ministering is with the ordinary, showing them everyday our lives as sacrifices to please God.
 - Romans 12:1 "... present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."



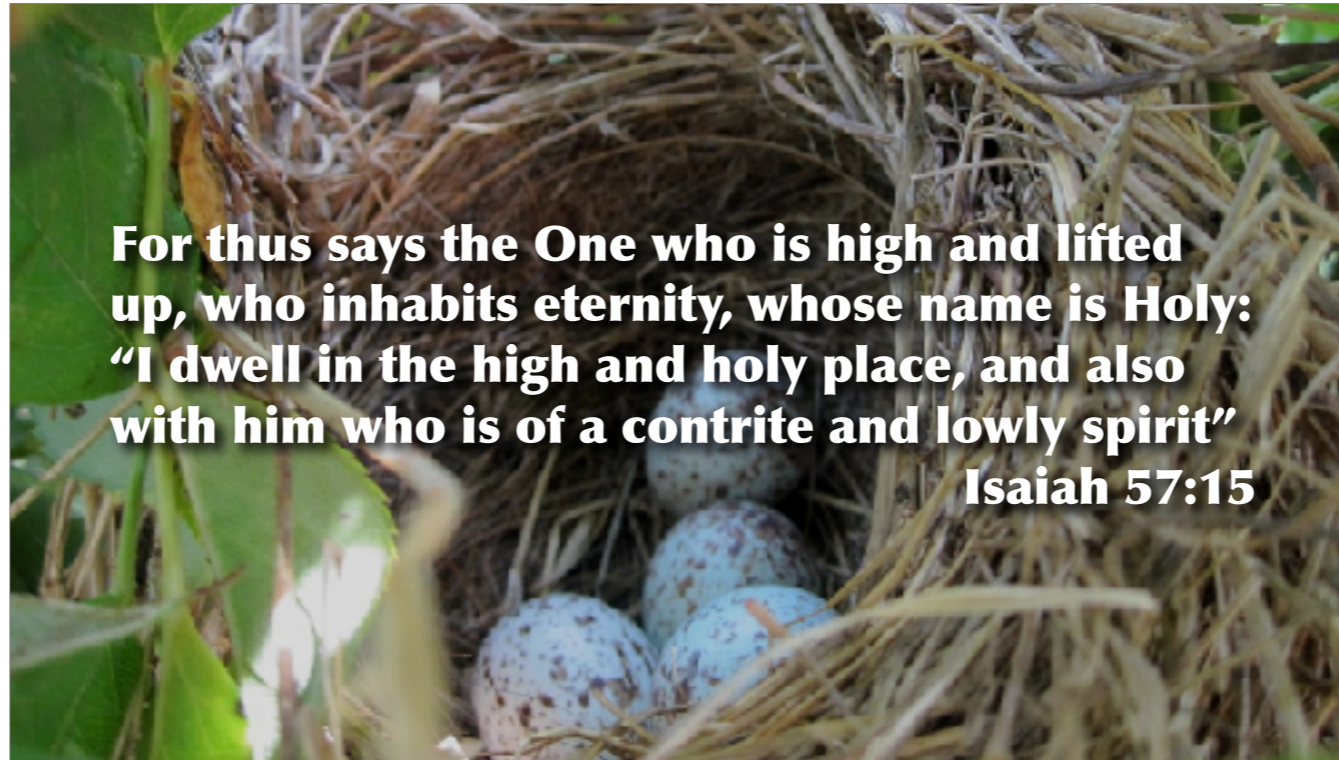
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- Glory in your ordinariness.
 - There is greater glory in serving God as just an ordinary servant, who has completely dedicated their heart and soul the Him.
 - As servants of another it is very a humbling, ordinary and soon forgotten life.



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- This is a tragic mistake to think because it is the simple contrite the Lord will dwell with.
 - Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.



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- Allow yourself to become glory in the ordinary.
- Be the light shining in the darkness
- Be kind

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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