

## Blood, Sweat and Tears—His Pain, Your Gain

# The Gain of a Kingdom

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<sup>24</sup>Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup>You are those who have stood by me in my trials. <sup>29</sup>And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, <sup>30</sup>so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Luke 22:24-30, NIV)

To our sinful nature, \_\_\_\_\_ is king!

"By nature we fear anything disagreeable to our own will, be it the effort involved in surrendering it or the ridicule of the world when we do surrender it. By nature we love self most of all and before anyone or anything else. By nature we trust our own will, our own cleverness, our own instincts, our own selfish and often very twisted definition of right and wrong: What suits me and is convenient is right; anything else is wrong." ~ Daniel Deuschlander, *The Theology of the Cross*

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4, NIV)

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**1. Jesus calls me to \_\_\_\_\_ my selfish**  
**"king of the hill" \_\_\_\_\_.**

By God's grace, I already am a \_\_\_\_\_!

<sup>11</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him. (2 Timothy 2:11, NIV)

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**1. Jesus calls me to \_\_\_\_\_ my current**  
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When we say that Jesus "calls" us, we understand this to mean his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ gospel call.

<sup>1</sup>If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose... <sup>5</sup>Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. (Philippians 2:1-2, 5-7, NIV)

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**2. Jesus calls me to \_\_\_\_\_ my Savior's**  
**"king of the hill" \_\_\_\_\_.**

### My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Pick up a copy of *The Theology of the Cross*, and challenge yourself to read it.
- Enroll in the next class system class. 401 Class is the class that will help you better practice the "servant mentality."
- Meditate on and memorize 2 Timothy 2:11.