

“So Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.” Mark 10:42-44 NLT

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You know. Jesus said the disciples knew and you know as well. Rulers and officials LORD and FLAUNT. It's always been true, it will always be true - this is a human frailty, lording and flaunting. But **YOU MUST BE DIFFERENT!** You want to be a leader, you **MUST** be a servant. You want to be first, be a **SLAVE**. A great book by Simon Sinek, Leaders Eat Last. Jesus came not to be served, but to serve. Why is this so hard to not only understand, but to practice. **One: lording and flaunting; authority and attention are addictive. Two: humans want strength, not mercy in their leaders.** They want King Sauls'. Is service seen as weakness? Is humility seen as flawed? You know what rulers and officials are like. **You also know what you think you want in a leader - ruthlessness towards others, kindness towards you.** Come on admit it, you know it's true.

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Dad,

It is so hard to serve and be a humble leader because attention and a taste of authority is so very yummy and extremely addictive. However, it is also hard because of the expectations of others. Can the church even allow or accept a servant leader? Have we created our own dictators and egomaniacs? I don't want to be a casualty or a cause in this. Help me lead like you.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root