

Service Not Power

The disciple James was one of Jesus' three closest friends.

Jesus allowed only James and Peter and John to go into the house with Him to heal the daughter of Jairus. And James was one of those same three that Jesus took up the mountain to hear the Father state that Jesus was His Son.

But James also heard Jesus make it clear that following Him included suffering. When asked if he could drink the cup of suffering Jesus was to drink, James enthusiastically replied Yes! He was young, brash and strong. "Sons of thunder" was Jesus' nickname for him and John.

"You [Jesus] loved this young, zealous man [James] whose main desire was to be with You at all times and in all places. You told him and all Your disciples that service, not power, was the standard in Your kingdom, and slowly You changed his heart from one set on influence into one searching for the deepest place." -- *Henri Nouwen, A CRY FOR MERCY*

James followed Jesus and drank the cup, becoming one of the first apostles to die for Jesus.



Coffee/tea prayer: Lord, I let go of my desire for power and influence, because You alone fill my deepest longing.

John

Ref: *Matt. 17.1, 20.20-28; Mark 3.16-18; Luke 8-9; Acts 12.1*

服事而非权力

雅各是耶稣最亲近的三个朋友之一。

耶稣只带雅各、彼得和约翰去医治睚鲁的女儿。雅各也是耶稣带上山，得听父神说耶稣是他儿子的三人之一。

但雅各也听到耶稣明说跟随他需要受苦。当被问到是否能喝耶稣所喝的苦杯时，雅各热切地说可以！他年轻，性急，强壮。耶稣称他和约翰为“雷子”。

“你 [耶稣] 爱这个年轻热情，渴望随时与你同在的人 [雅各]。你告诉他和你所有的门徒服事，而非权力，是你的国的原则。你也改变他的心意，从想要有影响力到寻求更深层次的境地。”——亨利·卢云《呼求怜悯》

雅各跟随主并喝了那杯，成为第一个为主殉道的门徒。

随想：主，我放下我对权力和影响力的想法，因为唯有你满足我最深的渴慕。

史建恩

参考：马太福音17：1，20：20—28；马可福音3：16—18；路加福音8—9；使徒行传12：1