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*THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE GOSPEL*

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***I am like James and John***

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**I am like James and John  
Lord, I size up other people  
in terms of what they can do for me;  
how they can further my program,  
feed my ego,  
satisfy my needs,  
give me strategic advantage.**

**I exploit people,  
ostensibly for your sake,  
but really for my own sake.**

**Lord, I turn to you  
to get the inside track  
and obtain special favors,  
your direction for my schemes,  
your power for my projects,  
your sanction for my ambitions,**

**your blank checks for whatever  
I want.**

**I am like James and John.**

***Are You Following the  
Example of Jesus?***

**Philippians 2:5-8**

**The humble submission of  
Jesus is marked by ...**

**1. Self-denial**

*morphe* = “form”

***harpagmos* = “robbery”**

***harpazo* = “rapture”**

# John 5:18

“Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.”

***kenoō* = to empty**

**The humble submission of  
Jesus is marked by ...**

**1. Self-denial**

**2. Service**

## **Luke 22:27**

**“For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.”**

**The humble submission of  
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**1. Self-denial**

**2. Service**

**3. Sacrifice**

# Mark 10:45

**“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”**

# Hebrews 12:2

**“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

## **Luke 9:23**

**“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”**

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