

Series: American Idols

**The Idol Named “Me”
Mark 10:35-45**

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1. I want to talk about an idol that is the most worshiped in all the world.
 - a. The god named “me” is the underpinning of all false worship.
 - b. The root of “me” worship goes all the way back to the Garden when the tempter came to the first family.
 2. Jesus said, Mark 8:34 - “if anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and follow me.”
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- I. By Nature We Are Drawn to Serve the Idol Named “Me”.
 - A. We are born self-serving creatures.
 1. “The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” Galatians 5:19-21
 - B. As we mature, we learn to overcome that self-serving nature.
 1. “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4
 - II. Jesus’ Own Disciples Struggled With the Idol Named “Me”. Mark 10
 - A. Jesus had been talking a lot throughout His ministry about humility.
 - B. The Apostle Paul stressed this to the Philippian Christians.
 1. “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Philippians 2:5-8
 - III. How Do You Topple the Idol Named “Me”? John 13
 - A. We must be willing to do whatever needs to be done.
 - B. “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4