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“Leadership is service, not position.”
Tim Fargo



In the readings, we see a focus on creation and service. Peter emphasizes that our existence is rooted not in material things but in the love of God, made clear in the sacrifice of Christ. The idea that we are created in God's image underscores our inherent dignity and responsibility to reflect God's love in the world. This connection of God's love and grace in us calls us to respond not just in belief, but through actions that align with that divine love.

Both readings send a clear message: being made in God's image means showing His qualities, especially the call to love and serve. This expression of love is what shows true faith. In a world filled with distractions and false prophets, we must stick to Christ's message: our lives should reflect service and compassion, especially towards those in need.

In Mark 10:32-45, Jesus teaches the disciples about true greatness. When James and John ask to sit next to Jesus in his Kingdom, it shows their self-interest. Jesus, however, explains that real greatness comes from serving others. This challenges them and us to

rethink our lives. It reminds us that being a Christian means being humble and committed to helping others instead of pursuing selfish things.

For example, I saw on the news that someone bought a \$15 million Pokémon card, a card that can rip, burn, disappear, or be lost. I was shocked, but in reality, it raises important questions about our values and priorities. As wealth becomes concentrated among a few while many struggle to meet basic needs, we have to ask ourselves: are we really living out the call to help others?

Statistics about hunger and wealth inequality in our country remind us of the gap between our lives and our responsibilities. They push us to focus less on gaining wealth and more on meeting the needs of those around us. By doing this, we join in the kingdom of God that Jesus envisioned, where the greatest among us are those who serve. The call is clear: we should be workers of Christ's love in a world that needs it badly.

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