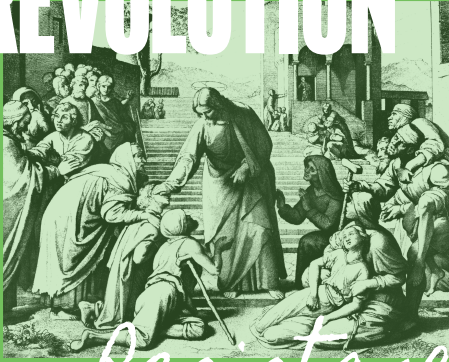


# REVOLUTION



*Resistance*

The Upside-Down Revolution  
Mark 9:30-41  
Pastor Rick Duncan  
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## SERMON NOTES

### Greatness in God's Kingdom...

1. Follow the way of the Lord.

Let me learn by paradox...

That the way down is the way up,  
That to be low is to be high  
That the broken heart is the healed heart  
That the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit  
That the repenting soul is the victorious soul  
That to have nothing is to possess all  
That to bear the cross is to wear the crown  
That to give is to receive  
That the valley is the place of vision  
-From the Valley of Vision

2. Become the servant of all.

This is a the Christ-like, biblical pattern:

- Down before up
- Last before first
- Serving before leading
- Cross before crown

In the Kingdom of Jesus, the way up is always down.

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## 3. Welcome the last and the least.

Jesus is telling His disciples to forget all about rank, pre-eminence, prominence... Welcome the child - or anyone who in his weakness, need, and humble dependence, resembles a child...

-William Hendrickson, The Gospel of Mark, p. 359.

## 4. Applaud the work of another.

Embracing Obscurity...

Prayer: Ask Jesus to make you like Him – living a life of self-denial, sacrifice and service.

Humility: Take a break from social media self-promotion.

Secrecy: Without letting anybody know, do something for somebody who can't repay you.

Generosity: Give away something you value... in Jesus' name.

Appreciation: Find a way to encourage someone in Christ who is outside your circle.