TIKTOK THEOLOGY "Deny Your Self(ie)"

Would it surprise you if you knew that Jesus not only taught, but modeled for us that the goal in life is to end up being the servant, and not the master?

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor." ³⁶ "What is your request?" he asked. ³⁷ They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left." Mark 10:35-37 (NLT)

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! **Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering** I am about to drink? **Mark 10:38 (NLT)**

⁴¹ When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. ⁴² So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the **rulers in this world lord it over** their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. ⁴³ But among you **it will be different.** Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be **your servant**, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be **first** among you must be **the slave of everyone else**. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to **serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many**." **Mark 10:41-45 (NLT)**

THE GOAL IN LIFE ISN'T TO END UP AS THE MASTER, BUT AS THE SERVANT.

THE MANGER (His birth)

THE LAMB (His ministry launch)

²⁹ "Behold, **the Lamb of God**, who takes away the sin of the world!" **John 1:29 (ESV)**

THE DONKEY (His triumphal entry)

THE TOWEL AND BASIN (His last supper)

THE CROSS (His death)

¹⁸ No one can take my life from me. *I sacrifice it voluntarily.* For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. John 10:18 (NLT)

IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU.

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must **deny himself**, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. **Matthew 16:24-25 (NET)**