

**Whoever wishes to be great among you must become the servant of all.**

**I have been thinking about my 5 classmates who are taking care of their wives with Alzheimers. How admirable, that they are showing now perhaps an even greater love than they shared on their honeymoons!**

**They were all successful in their business careers, and now the Lord is calling them to an even greater service.**

**In today's Gospel: an old, old story: clerical ladder climbing. Pope Francis has decried it calling some aspiring clerics: "airport bishops" flying off to whatever conference at which they can be noticed for promotion.**

**It would seem that where avenues of sexuality are closed off, the lust for power and prestige**

**can more easily prevail.**

**In today's Gospel James and John want to ascend to "high chairs." One on the right and one on the left of the throne of Jesus.**

**And their companions are indignant.**

**Is it not a paradox that when we were self centered infants as all babies are, we were secured in HIGH CHAIRS just waiting to be waited on.**

**Becoming adults means climbing down from our high chairs and waiting on table.**

**"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but rather to serve."**

**That is our path too.**

**And so we pray:**

**"Jesus meek and humble of heart,**

**make our hearts like unto thine."**