



**Four Strategies To Build Your Dreams For The Future (Part 2)**  
**(Don't Be Confused or Naive)**  
**(Matthew 20:20-23)**

**Introduction: Series Review**

1. Don't Work Alone (**Part 1**)
2. Don't Be Confused (**Part 2**)
3. Don't Be Naïve
4. Don't Be Peer Pressured

**Text:** Matthew 20:20 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. 21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?" "She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom." 22 But Jesus answered and said, "**You do not know what you ask.** Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They said to Him, "We are able. 23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared by My Father."

**Note:** They thought Jesus was going to establish his physical Kingdom but they were wrong.

6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "**Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. (**Acts 1:6-7**)

**I. Three Things That Did Not Confuse the Disciples**

1. James and John were not confused about the need to work together
2. They were not confused about who to talk to about their dream
3. They were clear about the importance of responding to good advice ("We are able" v22)

**II. Two Things They Were Not Clear About**

1. **They were not clear about the cost for their dream** (Matthew 20:22)
  - A. Some things in their future would be hard to swallow
  - B. Some things in their future would immerse them
2. **They were not clear about the authorization process** (some things can't be given to you)



**Conclusion:**

### **III. Three Questions That Bring More Clarity**

1. What are you not **qualified and authorized** to do?
2. What is the true **cost** of your dreams?
3. Why are some people confused about their dreams?
  - a. Ignorance (Their breadth of knowledge is too limited?)
  - b. Exposure (They have not seen or experienced enough)
  - c. Vision (They cannot see around the corner)

**Next Time:** If you want to reach your dream, don't be naïve.

**Big Question:** When were you naïve?