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Part of OneChanging the world - One at a time!

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Message: In Then Through You

Series: One

This is a series based on God's call for us to change the world, one person at a time. Jesus modeled this in His ministry, and He teaches us to model it throughout our life - in the way that we live, in the things that we do. We model it through how (and what or who) we love, and the action of being His hands and feet, reaching one person at a time.

The One that Got Away

In terms of loving people the way Jesus loves them, the one that got away is truly the one who you never connected with in a life changing way. Author Mark Batterson asks the question, "What is the most that one person you don't know has ever mattered to you?"

It begs the question, "Who matters to you?"

Do those who matter to God, matter to you? Does it reflect in the way you live?

Sometimes the work God does IN YOU will lead to the work God wants to do THROUGH YOU. And regardless of how much you want God to work through you, if you don't let Him work in you, it's futile. It's always IN then THROUGH.

Mark 1:35-49 (NLT)

35 Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

36 Later Simon and the others went out to find him.

37 When they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you."

38 But Jesus replied, "We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came."

39 So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the

synagogues and casting out demons.

Get Alone with God

Jesus taught us through His actions the importance of getting alone with His heavenly Father. Jesus needed God to work IN HIM before God could work THROUGH HIM. If Jesus needed this, so do you!

Start your day off (alone) with God!

See and Do

Jesus also modeled the “see and do” principle. See someone, do something.

I don't claim anything of the work I do for God. It is His work. I'm like a pencil in His hand, that is all. He does the thinking. He does the writing. The pencil has nothing to do with it. The pencil has only to be allowed to be used.

—Mother Teresa

If you allow God to work in you - and see someone that needs something - then God can work through you, and not just see it - but do something about it. It's called changing your world, one person at a time.

—Pastor Chad

Paul Did This Too

Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.

God wants to do the work in you, He wants to be the one who influences you. Unfortunately, there are other influences at play in your life. What are the major influences in your life?

Some of us need to stop diluting God - and get rid of the outside influences so He can be the one. Philippians 2:13 for God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him. God is giving you the

ability to see someone and do something. God is giving you the ability to change your world, one person at a time!

—Pastor Chad

A Prayer for the Week

Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Pray that God would do great things THROUGH you, but first ask Him to do His work IN you! Change your world for Jesus, one person at a time.