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No Limits with Pastor Delman

You Don't Have To Be A Star In My Show

Luke 19:29-37

NOTES INTRODUCTION In this message, we are going to look at the story of someone who might not be a "star" but played such an important role in the historical account of the Bible. We often talk about the big plans God has for your life. And that is most definitely true. God may have big plans for you... as the backup singer. Not as the lead actor or actress...but as the one holding the camera...as the one writing the script. You might be the star of the show, or you might not be. Whatever role God decides to place you in is not by mistake. He is intentional in where He places each and every one of His children. God wants to bless you, but God also has His own way of blessing each of us. You do not have to be the star of the show to make a huge impact for the Kingdom of God! **KEY POINTS** 1. You don't have to be a star in the eyes of the world to have significance to God. Luke 19 tells the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem, on a young donkey. While the story has been preached countless times, most pastors usually do not mention anything about the owner of the donkey. It is interesting because the owner is perhaps the most important figure in the story; without him, his availability to Jesus, his faith, and his sacrifice to the Lord, we don't have one of the most important stories in the Gospels. When we focus on the owner of the donkey, it is as if we can hear God saying to us, "You don't have to be a star to be in My show." You don't have to be the one on the stage, the one with the title behind or in front of your name, you don't have to be the most gifted, the smartest, or the one everyone sees or recognizes to have meaning and value in the kingdom of God. 2. Only what you do for Christ will last. The owners of the colt in Luke 19 are not leaders in a synagogue. They have no other place of prominence in Scripture. There are no books of the Bible named after them. But they didn't need all of that to understand that they could still make a contribution to the Kingdom. They model for us what faith in Christ and membership in the church should be about: promoting Christ and doing His work that has eternal significance rather than promoting ourselves and trying to stand in a temporary limelight.

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The obsession with self-promotion has crept into the church, where many have taken the morality of the market and the desire to elevate the ego to be the ultimate goal of ministry. We are more interested in self-branding and self-promotion than we are in promoting Christ and the cross.

Do you struggle with self-promotion? Are you living a life that is promoting God's brand or your brand? It is easy to fall into the same game seemingly everyone is playing. But that is not the mission God wants you to pursue. When you pursue a life of promoting His brand, you will be rewarded at both the right time and in the right fashion!

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. When was a time you tried to promote yourself or step into the limelight? What was that experience like? Was it worth it? What did you learn?
- 2. Do you think God could be calling you to do something for the Kingdom that is more behind the scenes? How do you feel about that calling?
- 3. Do you struggle with self-promotion? What is one way you can promote the Lord instead of promoting yourself this week?