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Greatness – Impacting Lives (John 17:24)

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Life is not a spectator sport; it starts as an inside challenge and soon becomes a team adventure. Let's look at what it takes to grow a champion. Can you name a person who fanned a spark in your life?

INTRODUCTION

Jesus was a master teacher. He started with twelve men who, all but one, were unschooled and ordinary. The more qualified one was lost. The others set in motion a movement which continues to impact billions of souls over the world (John 17:12). **Whom have you tried to please as you prepared for success in some phases of your life?**

I'M WITH HIM

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You gave Me, may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (NKJV)

Jesus reminded His Father that He was dependent and trusting. Jesus then asked the Father to accept His followers as sons and daughters, princes, and princesses in the kingdom. This answers the life question of whose I am and how I define success. Many work solely to gain power, position, and praise of others. **Have you observed others who seem to seek only to please themselves or an audience?**

GOD'S FAVOR

Luke 5:4-7 When Jesus had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. (NIV).

Jesus was addressing a large crowd on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, a freshwater lake which feeds into the Jordan River. He asked Simon to let him sit in his boat while teaching. The miraculous catch astonished Simon, realizing he was a sinful man in the presence of the Holy One of God. Jesus taught that He came to pay our sin debt and give us life and life in abundance (John 10:10). **In what ways are you living in abundance?**

PERSPECTIVE

Luke 5:10-11 Then Jesus said to Simon "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So, they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed him. (NIV)

Consider the greater perspective Simon Peter saw in stark reality. He and his partners had spent their night toiling in a vain attempt to catch some fish, pay expenses, and get through the next day. They followed the coaching of Jesus, had their needs met in abundance, and gained an eternal perspective. **How big is your life's mission?**

INSPIRE ANOTHER AND ANOTHER

Matthew 9:9 As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. And He said to him "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him. {NKJV}

Matthew, also called Levi, was in a hated profession. Tax collectors served the occupying Roman government who allowed them to take a fee out of taxes collected. Matthew saw the greater perspective. He became one of the twelve, and the book by his name continues to have an eternal impact. **Reflect on those whom you have impacted!**

A PRAYER

Almighty God: Please bless me with Your eternal perspective. Give me a clearer vision of Your purpose for my life. Show me glimpses of Your provision in my daily walk and in my work. Surround me with others who encourage and fortify me. Let me be an inspiration for another person, even for many others. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen!