

Dan's Devotion- Ministry Significance

After my senior year of college I had a few hours of credits left to take in order to finish my degree in business management (go figure). For 2 of the credit hours I took the extremely difficult classes of Racquetball and Theory of Coaching Softball. I actually did have one real class that I had to take and I almost slept through the final, but that is all beside the point of this devotion.

I had already accepted a job as an associate campus minister at Iowa State University, but during that summer I was asked to preach on the weekends at a little church in Gifford, Missouri. The most we had in attendance was 29 and the least was 7.

For the first few years after I started a campus ministry at the University of Iowa, I didn't have very many students involved in my group. They were years of building a foundation for that ministry.

Now I serve at a church attended by hundreds of people. So, which ministry out of the three was the most important? Hopefully you answered that they are all equally important. The point is that wherever God leads me, he has a significant ministry for me to be a part of. He just wants me to be faithful in serving him.

Maybe some of you feel like God doesn't have a significant role for you. That's just not true. He may want you to step up and get more involved in serving him, but I guarantee that whatever he has in store for you will be significant.

Look at these powerful verses from I Peter. *"Each one of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever, Amen."* (I Peter 4:10-11). Notice how it says *"Each one of you."* It doesn't say, "paid, full time ministers." God has a role for you and it is significant. He will give you the strength you need to fulfill that role and in the end we get to give God all the praise and glory for what he is doing through us.

It doesn't matter whether God has called you to serve behind the scenes or in front of thousands of people, it is a key role in God's eyes and he needs you to help carry out his good and perfect will here on earth. You are significant in God's eyes. What is your role?

In Christ,

Dan

P.S. - I think the role of the people at the church in Gifford that summer was to endure my feeble attempts at sermons. :)

