

Hey guys....and today, let's talk about Becoming unimportant

Jack of all trades but a master of none:

I had this yearning inside of me to become good at something. To go all in on a thing, like how artists or singers or actors or cake decorators are. But I settled on being proficient at most everything but never committing full out to any one thing. The reason is so that I could be balanced and not fixate on any one thing to the detriment of everything else. I remember a car ride with Brandon and I took after one emotional breakdown I had right around my 30th birthday. I was struggling with the fact that my daughter had a skill of creativity that consumed all of her time. She doodled on everything all the time. We've had to ask her to stop carving into the wood planks on the wall, stop collecting pocketfuls of rocks and pretty leaves and to please write her actual name on her school work and not a quick drawing in place of it. It took many years to figure out that I actually am deeply committed to one thing specifically. And that's working on myself. It sounds like it's a selfish pursuit and it is, but it is also a gifting, if you will, of myself to serving the Lord God as He has revealed in His word. Serving the family, disciplining my child, reverencing my husband, being good. They are all separate, but still all one task involving myself that I am constantly thinking about, constantly pursuing, constantly striving for mastery,

But I quickly realized there was a major roadblock to full on service and that was the fact that I was very important to me. I was deeply committed to myself, my comfort, my desires, my happiness and it was difficult, nay, impossible to truly serve the Lord when all I really cared about was making sure I was okay. So me, the whole idea of me, myself and I had to be taken to the throne of grace to be mortified that my new nature might serve the Lord.

I made myself of no account to myself that I may serve my master Jesus Christ as a bond-slave who has no will of its own. I live where I am told, I use what I am given, I rise to serve my family even if I am taking a break, what I have is enough, I ask for nothing more, I expect nothing more, I appreciate it all with thanksgiving, I take care of the provisions and people given to me and I pour out my life for others.

If overly sugary coffee makes me crazy and useless for teaching my daughter, I quit it. If having a driver's licence allowed me to take the family car and flee from my husband because I was having a meltdown and refusing to be reasonable or careful, I gave it up. If I had to humble myself and shut up when my husband has reached his limit with me, I learned to humble myself sincerely and be quiet. If I had to sit in the car while Brandon and Haley hiked down the cliff, I sat in the car for hours reading and enjoying the silence, I felt like apostle Paul that when he stated that

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more.

20 And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;

21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law.

22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

Now I am not out in the world witnessing to the lost but in my home, I am a witness of the Lord. I show forth His work in my life as I become all things that I may save them. Meaning, I may show the changed life, to inspire change in them, I serve that I may show them service, I become weak that I may gain them in their weakness, I lay aside my strict devotedness in order to meet them where they are at. I am saying, I, I a lot huh? Well yeah because this is my story. My life that I am offering up to God in service of my family and now in service of you all. I show my weakness, I show how the law enslaved me and how the Lord set me free, I show how I live under the law of Christ. And I do all of this for the gospel's sake. I believe it, I am betting my life on it and I want to be a partaker thereof with you.

So i have this thought of "it is very important that I am unimportant". Remember when I told you that I burned my daughter's food all the time and how that showed that I considered her less than myself and how I had to flip that in order to consider her as greater than myself and so I started cooking my food with hers because I never burn my own food? That. becoming all things can look like that.

Or the time when my husband asked me to stop acting up when we are around my family, I had to consider myself as a proper person. So if I am important "how dare he tell me what to do, i am an adult" but if I am Unimportant, I can subject myself to my leader because I am a servant of God who commands me to obey my own husband.

And on and on I go, applying unimportance to every aspect of my life. I'll give you another example and then show you how this is how Christ lived.

So if I am important, than the trama I experienced as a godless woman will make me feel I am owed apologies or special considerations but if I am unimportant, I know that all unrighteousness will be punished, that the wicked (the group of which I was apart of)

always seek to do evil (which i did) and that i am fully forgiven by God and am now to forgive as I have been forgiven.

And this is seen in our Messiah. He was fully God and yet He was unwilling to become the leader the Jews tried to force him to become. He was a servant of the Father and he did only that which the Father instructed him to do. He is the perfect model of subjection, of obedience, of servanthood or unimportance as regarding himself as his kingdom is not of this world .and if he decided for even a single second that he was indeed important and should have a say in anything, He would have ceased to be a servant of the Father, would have fell into sin and be unqualified to propitiate on our behalf. So he emptied himself and did as He was instructed by His the Father, despising the shame so that he would be highly exalted by God after he subjected himself to death on a cross.

This may not make much sense to you but it was crucial for me to see it like this because if i am too important, i won't be a servant. If i'm too wise, i won't become a fool for Christ's sake, if i am too sexy, I don't dress modestly, if i am too strong, i will despise my weakness, which is when God's strength in me is made perfect. If I am too prideful, I will refuse to humble myself before our almighty God and will eventually try to usurp His sovereignty in my own life.

I think when you are a woman, it's an almost natural default for you to be a servant to your family and I think as a born again believer, it becomes the mandate to serve all the more. I am reminded of Luke 17 which says "Now which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him after he comes in from the field, 'Come immediately and recline at the table to eat'? **8** On the contrary, will he not say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly ^aclothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and ^bafterward you ^cmay eat and drink'? **9** He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he? **10** So you too, when you do all the things which were commanded you, say, 'We are ^dunworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.'"

I love this so much. The Lord has given me my charge, my duties and after doing them, I am to be a servant of love first and tend to myself after, looking for no offer of thanks or praise as i am only doing all the things i am commanded to do. And command me He did, which I know me, if He didn't tell me to do them there is no way in the world i would desire to do them at all. You think you'd willingly, for yourself, want to obey and subject yourself to your husband and love your children and be chaste and good? No, because we barely want to do them now even though we are commanded. Well, maybe not we don't want to do them, we do, but the commands feel optional sometimes and are quickly cast aside if our emotions are in shambles but a real slave, a real servant would

never even consider doing something like that. God told us we are slaves of Christ, remember, we were purchased with precious blood, meaning we are owned by God, friends...sure, daughters...absolutely, joint heirs with Christ, you bet but also slaves whose members we are to use for righteousness. So unimportant, because I can't be important and be a servant of God. I can't be big while serving our big God. I can't be front while being a reflection of the Son. So i, me, the personhood, the being, the reality of me decrease so that He may increase.

What about you? Have you dedicated your everything to the Lord and become unimportant that you may be a useful bond-servant like our Lord Jesus? Let me know how you practice this down below in the comments section.

That's it for today guys...