

CALVARY YOUTH

Preparing young people to be disciples of Jesus in study and in practice as they transition into adulthood



The Dumbest Argument in History

Luke 22:24-30

Several times in my life I have done the math to figure out how much faster I would get somewhere by breaking the speed limit by five or ten miles an hour. It's actually quite comical. People are heading somewhere that is five miles away and they find it necessary to drive beyond the speed limit, roll through stop signs, and gun it at every yellow light they see. I have been guilty of this so many times myself. We live in a society that is tirelessly rushing from place to place at what feels like constant a constant pace. When you really think about it, though, if you're driving five miles on city roads, you're probably averaging about 35 miles per hour. That would get you at your destination in approximately 8 minutes and 34 seconds. If you decide to speed and go 5mph faster, you only shave a single minute off of your drive time and that's assuming you don't end up at the same stop lights as people driving the speed limit. So when I find myself feeling rushed, sometimes I will ask myself, is this worth a minute or two? Do I really need to risk a couple hundred dollars in a speed ticket for one minute of convenience? Almost every time I ask myself that question, I just settle in and relax. I give up one minute here and there *all the time!* Why fight for that one minute on the road?

What is it about us as humans that we can get so enveloped by the moment in front of us that we completely miss what's right in front of us? We stare at our phones and scroll endlessly, for basically no reason. We switch lines in the grocery store when we don't actually have anywhere that we need to be anytime soon. Children throw fits when they can't get exactly what they want in the exact moment that they want it.

In Luke 22, we come across what I once heard called, "the dumbest argument in history." A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest" (Luke 22:24). Like a person in a rush for no reason, the disciples engaged in an argument about greatness *IN FRONT OF JESUS CHRIST, THE MESSIAH, EMMANUEL, JEHOVAH, THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE!*

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

~Matthew 22:37



To realize you're driving over the speed limit for no good reason makes you feel a bit dumb. How would you feel to argue about who is greatest in front of the *perfect Son of Man*? The reason I love this story is two-fold:

1. It's a reminder that **ALL** of us are capable of considering ourselves GREAT when in the presence of GREATNESS.
2. Jesus' response is exactly the opposite of what anyone would expect.

ONE. You and I are prideful. We just are. It was until I started dating Hannah, for example, that I realized how selfish I was in conversation. How often do I ask *others* about who *they are*, and how *they're doing*? Next time you talk to someone in Hannah's family, notice how often they ask you questions. They're incredible question askers! They continually put their ideas aside to give *you* a chance to share. We all struggle with pride, and it manifests itself in dozens of ways every day. The only way we can notice this kind of stuff is through prayer (most importantly) and intentional honest relationships.

TWO. Imagine going up to a Caesar, Pharaoh, President, etc. and arguing to them about how you're more important to that nation than they are. Any human, would just squash you like the bug you are...but not Jesus. He taught them instead. Jesus basically says to ignore what the world considers great, and *serve*. Francis Chan had an incredible example in his book "Crazy Love." Imagine being an extra in a sports movie and being one of 60,000 people in the stands, pausing the movie, pointing at that dot on the screen and saying, "See! The movie is about me!" Maybe we should just remember that the **GREAT I AM** chose to *serve*.

Questions For This Week

Prepare to share on Sunday

1. What are some ways that you notice people totally miss the point because of a rushed lifestyle?
2. What are some ways that you notice people totally miss the point because they are distracted?
3. What are areas of pride that you can improve in?
4. How does Jesus choosing to Serve affect the way you see His ministry?

PRAY THIS WEEK

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