

CALVARY YOUTH

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



Whose Story Are You Living?

Luke 22:24-30

Fifteen years ago, Louie Giglio shared many memorable observations at the *How Great is Our God Tour* in Atlanta, Georgia. He showed the scale at which OUR GOD BREATHES STARS. He showed the scale at which God's hands are at work with embryos and protein molecules. He made famous the phrase, "If the earth was the size of a golf ball..." and got Christians around the world talking about "laminin." I've heard Giglio quoted dozens and dozens of times over the years. Nobody ever seems to quote him on the comments he made that day on sin. It stuck out to me, and all these years later I can hear it in my head like the first time I heard it during his message. At a critical point in his message, Louie said, "sin has a way of shrinking God down, and puffing us up in our own estimation." What a true statement. When we sin, in a way, we are limiting our view of God in our own mind. We are leaning on our own understanding.

When we sin, we are choosing our own way. How could Jesus' disciples argue about their own greatness amidst **the Greatest?** Giglio's words shed light on the answer. "Sin has a way of shrinking God down and puffing ourselves up in our own estimation."

Last week I told you about one of my favorite points in the book, *Crazy Love*, by Francis Chan. Chan describes a scene where an extra in a film claims that the movie is all about him, despite being a person in a very big crowd on the screen for a moment. Last week, however, we didn't get to explore the purpose behind Francis Chan's comment. Think about the length of a movie. Typically around an hour and a half to two hours, right? Let's average that and consider the moment that this so-called "movie star" was on the screen. There are 6,300 seconds in a movie of that length. Let's say 3,149 seconds went by before this person was on the screen for their brief 1 second-long moment of glory before another 3,150 more seconds take place until the end of the movie. Purely by screen time it would be quite the stretch to say the movie was about him. Take it further! It would be a stretch to say that even his *one second* surrounded by

"For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves"
Luke 22:27



thousands of other people, was about him. He was in the stands. He wasn't on the field where the all-important game was being played.

OUR LIVES AREN'T ABOUT US! While everybody around us is addicted to the American Dream and looking for ways to have their name recognized and remembered when they leave planet earth, **Christians have a different story!** Our story is a story of sinners saved by *grace*. Our story is a story of sinners destined for eternal damnation *but for the potter* who destined this little piece of clay for eternal life. Our story is one about a *second* on a movie screen where time slows down and we get to choose *who* we will glorify in a sea of people, as a blip on the radar.

As the disciples argued, Jesus reminded them of *their* culture. The one who reclines at table **IS** the one who is greater. Then, the creator of the universe says "But I am among you as one who serves." *PSH!* What do you say to that!? What would you do if God said that to you!? Jesus played their little game, and then reminded them that their culture was not the same as **God's culture!**

So whose story are you living? Like, seriously. Based on your day-to-day thoughts and actions, whose story is your life about right now? Is your story about a sinner saved by grace? Is your story about a clay pot that should have been destined for destruction but was chosen for something more? Is your story about a guy who lived his *second* on the big screen by cheering and celebrating God, rather than the players on the field? None of us are exactly where we would like to be, but man, I want my story to be about Christ! That's a story worth living, and that's a story worth telling.

Questions For This Week

Prepare to share on Sunday

1. What are some examples of some ways in which our story tends to be about us?
2. What are some examples of some ways in which we successfully make our stories about Jesus?
3. What can YOU do to better make YOUR story about Jesus?

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