

# Sermon Notes

## Part 3: Lean In to Making A Difference

### September 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- **Lean In: Intro**
- As we head into fall, it's time to make sure we don't stray off our mission: Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out.
  - o I think we all know what it's like to just go through the motions.
  - o But I think we all also know about being inspired, excited, full of anticipation. To Lean In!
- Important Key: Don't say yes to everything, **PRIORITIZE!**
  - o Prioritize Your Relationship with God, Your Personal Spiritual Growth...
  - o Today: Prioritize making a difference in this world. Lean in but don't burn out!!
- **This Week: Lean In to Making A Difference**
- A Real Relationship with The Living God is a Call To Action!
  - o Do you think this world needs to change? Jesus message is basically "be the change!"
    - **Luke 10:1-2** is 'this world needs to change. **Luke 10:3** is 'be the change!'
  - o It is a high priority to God that His followers make a difference.
    - Last week we talked about the parable of the sower. Which one do we want to be?
    - How about **Matthew 21:33-44** as an example. Verse 43 rings in my mind.
    - Why is Jesus so strong on this? We talked about it week one: the sacredness of human life.
      - You are created in the image of God – able to make a difference.
      - They are worth it to God. The Cross is our example of their value.
      - Today we are the hands and feet of Jesus, the Body of Christ.
      - You are part of it. Called to make a difference.
        - o Be the right kind of worker in the vineyard, a faithful servant.
- Keys to making a difference.
  - o 1) Don't be intimidated. This is what you were created for, you can do it with God's help!
    - Strange statement of the Day: Don't make too big of a deal out of this.
      - You can smile. You can be kind. You can pray. You can volunteer. You can share your faith. You can say the right thing. You can give. You can do it!!! So, do it!!!
      - Even if you are at the end, bedridden, only a few days to go. Pray, share God's love.
  - o 2) Who you are (heart, character) is more important than what you do (role, accomplishments).
    - The first person you should make a difference for is you. Reach Up – Rise Up – Repeat!!
    - As you grow: overcome, get free, learn, live it out, etc. God uses you more and more.
      - As you stagnate or backslide, you lose opportunities. Get bored. Lose touch.
        - o Don't let that happen. That is your responsibility. **2 Timothy 1:6-7**
  - o 3) It's ok to look forward to your eternal reward.
    - Primary motive for making a difference is love for others. Sacredness of life.
    - But hey, sometimes serving God is a big sacrifice.
      - Don't let that wear you down, instead look forward to your reward!
    - **John 14:1-7**
      - Jesus goes ahead to prepare a place for those who serve him. Let that sink in.
      - My request. Not sure how that works, but I figured I'd put it out there!!
- Thomas asked Jesus a good question in response to what Jesus said. **John 14:4-5**
  - o Maybe you know the way, maybe you don't. It's not complicated. You can find your way.
    - Here it is: **John 14:6**. Jesus is the way to the Father.
      - Believe in that what Jesus did is enough for you...because it is.
      - Confess your need for forgiveness and redemption.
      - Receive that forgiveness fully. You are sacred to God and redeemed.
      - Now live for Jesus. Thankfully serving your Savior and Lord.
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