



I Want to Be Great #2 :: Playing the Part {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

Some people are great at doing something or making something. And then there are others who are simply... *great*. But is greatness something that you're born with or is it possible to acquire greatness? Can you choose to be great? In this session, we learn from the parable of the good Samaritan that true greatness is a choice. A very simple choice. A choice to step up and actually do something to help someone else.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Growing up, we imagined being great in lots of areas. How old were you when you realized you had to get a day job?
2. How does our culture define "greatness"? How do you define "greatness"?
3. Jesus didn't discourage his disciples from being great. How does he redefine their understanding of greatness?
4. Read Luke 10:25-37. How does Jesus use the parable of the good Samaritan to respond to questions about greatness?
5. We often talk or reason our way out of being great. When have you reasoned decided against making your way out of making a decision that may have demonstrated true greatness?
6. The good Samaritan did not try to wiggle or reason his way out of helping his neighbor. Instead, he simply stepped up to the task at hand. How can you leverage your skills/possessions to help someone else?

THINK ABOUT IT

The parable of the good Samaritan is a bit of a misnomer. The Samaritan wasn't *good*, he was *great* because he chose to act in a way that demonstrated true greatness. Instead of talking himself out of helping someone in need, he chose to step up and do something. That's what great people do. They ask "what can I do to help?"... and then they do it.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, identify an area where you can leverage your skills/possessions to help someone else and then just do it.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19