



I Want to Be Great #3 :: Supporting Role {Clay Scroggins}

INTRODUCTION

Our culture celebrates leading men and women, those who are cast in the limelight, those who stand at the center of attention. We may remember the celebrities that win the award for Best Actor. But do we remember the celebrities that win the Best Supporting Role categories? In this session, we'll look at a person who leveraged his skills and position to support those around him without trying to grab the spotlight. And in doing so, by taking a supporting role, he chose to be great.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Name some people that have played a supporting role in your life.
2. When have you been able to play a supporting role for others around you? When have you expressed resentment or insecurity towards those around you?
3. 1 Samuel 18-20 narrates David and Jonathan's relationship. What may have been going through Jonathan's mind as he saw his friend consistently at the center of attention?
4. Read 1 Samuel 18:9 and 1 Samuel 20:4. Do you resonate more with Saul or Jonathan's character? When have you responded, like Saul, to others around you with jealousy or anger?
5. "Whatever you want me to do, I'll do for you." How does embracing this type of attitude reflect the kind of greatness that Jesus promoted?
6. In what ways can you act more like Jonathan and leverage your gifts to support someone else?

THINK ABOUT IT

Jonathan trusted in something he couldn't see. He could have allowed jealousy and resentment to affect his relationship with David, but instead, he chose to play a supporting role in David's life. Jonathan's decision to choose this kind of greatness played an important role in furthering David's kingship and ultimately, furthering the Biblical story. Why is it so difficult for us to equate Jonathan's actions with contemporary ideas of greatness?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, identify a relationship where you have acted more like Saul. What steps can you take to play a more supporting role in that relationship?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you want me to do, I'll do for you."
1 Samuel 20:4