

Killin' It

PART 3: Known Survivor

INTRODUCTION

We all want to be friended, followed, linked, and mentioned. We all want to be recognized, admired, sought after, and envied. We hunger for approval. We want applause. We want to be known. But what do you do when there is no amount of “known” that will satisfy your appetite?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways the appetite for being known is reflected in our cultural values?
2. At the end of your life, what would you most like to be known for? Why do you want to be known for that thing?
3. During the message, Andy said we all hunger for approval from our fathers. Do you agree? Why or why not?
4. Read John 3:26–31. In what ways do you need to “become less” so Jesus can “become greater” in your life? What are some obstacles to that happening?
5. From what audience do you most hunger for applause—your friends, your spouse, your children, your parents, your boss, your peers? How does that hunger drive your behavior and decision-making?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to stop seeking the applause of other people and begin to listen to the applause of your heavenly Father? How can this group help you follow through?

MOVING FORWARD

Work hard. Hone your craft. Broaden your influence. Build your career. Write great books. Move mountains. Change lives. But in the end, remember who it’s from and who it’s for. The applause of the One who knew you first, who knows you best, who gifted you and called you is the only applause that will matter. Your heavenly Father is the One you want to hear say, “Well done.”

CHANGING YOUR MIND

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

John 1:35–36