



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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WHO ARE YOU LIVING FOR?

Who is it that we should live life for? Is it to please others, self, or God? Remember what Jesus prayed for in the Garden of Gethsemane: *“My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me. Yet not as I will, but as you will”* **(Matthew 26:39b)**.

It was not about others. It was not about Himself. It was all about living for God and doing God’s will throughout His life. If Jesus lived life this way, we should live life the same way, *“not as I will, but as you will.”*

Thinking about this passage and how Jesus lived His life, I came across these saying this week, and I pray that they will encourage you as they did me.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives – **BE KIND ANYWAY.**

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends, and some genuine enemies – **SUCCEED ANYWAY.**

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you – **BE HONEST AND SINCERE ANYWAY.**

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous – **BE HAPPY ANYWAY.**

The good you do today, will often be forgotten - **DO GOOD ANYWAY.**

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough – **GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY.**

In the final analysis, it’s between you and God – **IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY.**

Who are you living for, **ANYWAY?**

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SUPPLYING GOD'S GREATEST NEED

“Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me” (Job 38:3). “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong” (I Corinthians 16:13). The above passages inform that God calls upon us to be men. What is God’s greatest need? It is not wealth, *“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein” (Psalm 24:1).* It is not power, **(Genesis 1:1).** God’s greatest need is a man. *“Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgement, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it” (Jeremiah 5:1).* Now notice: God seeks a man not a mouse, or a drunkard, or liar, a thief, or a whiner...but a man that doeth justly, and seeketh the truth.

God’s greatest need then was a man, so God’s greatest need now is a man. There were men in Jeremiah’s time as there are men today, but God wanted a certain type of man, because He had a certain work to be done. The man that God wanted was one that was fair and sought the truth. The type of men God is seeking are men such as David, Daniel, Peter, Paul and Christ, **(Psalm 1:1-3; Daniel 1:8; II Peter 1:5-11; II Timothy 2:20-26; Matthew 5:1-16).**

God used the men He needed. Noah, *“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8).* God needed Noah to preserve the human race. He needed and used Abraham to become the father of the nation through whom God would bless the world. We are blessed through Abraham, **(Galatians 3:28-29).** God used Moses to deliver Israel. He refused the glory of the world, riches and honor to serve God. He needed David to accept the challenge of Goliath and to free Israel. We need men like David today whose trust is in God. He used and needed Peter to announce the Gospel of salvation to the Jews on Pentecost and the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius. God used and needed Paul to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles and write a large portion of the New Testament.

God’s greatest need now is a man. The work of saving the lost has been given to man, **(II Corinthians 4:7).** It takes real men to stand in the face of discouragement, trials and persecution. God needs men who will push ahead and never look back, **(Luke 9:62).**

Will You Help Supply God’s Greatest Need Today?

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