Faith's Greatest Achievement

Tony Mauck · Mark 7:14–23

INTRODUCTION

- When we talk about the greatest success and achievement in this world, it has to do with faith.
- Some of the greatest failures of Christians take place within the parameters of the mind.
- That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.

1 How We See Ourselves

Matthew 18:1–4; 1 Samuel 15:17; Isaiah 66:2

- Unless you are converted and become like children. You shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.
- The greatest in the kingdom of heaven is the one who humbles himself as a young child.
- Is it not true? Though you were little in your own eyes, you were made the head of the tribes of Israel.
- He started thinking more highly of himself than he ought to think. He was more focused on himself than he should have been. And he lost becoming the little child.
- To this one will I look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit and who trembles at my word.
- We are completely dependent upon God for everything that we are and hope to be.

2 The Way We See God

- Because we're so big in our own eyes, we don't see God like we need to see him.
- The way we see God is so important. How frequent our thoughts are of him and how large he needs to be in our minds.
- Our focus on God reveals just how small and dependent we are.
- How we see God and the size of our view of God is critical to our success.

3 Our Response to Others

1 Peter 3:8–9; John 13

- As we deny ourselves and serve Him, we deny ourselves also in serving others and focus on them.
- To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kind-hearted, humble in spirit, not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead.
- We've got to be careful with that kind of thing. Because what if God did that with us?
- Get the focus off yourself. Serve someone. Send the email. Send the text. Pray the prayer for somebody else.
- Even at his final hours, even on the cross, it's not about him. It's about others.

THE CHALLENGE

If there's something on the inside that is not yet cleansed by the blood of Christ, you need to submit to him and receive his cleansing of the inner person so that you can arise and walk in newness of life.

MY NOTES