



“Growing People Change”

Selfless Series

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“Whatever you do, **do it all for the glory of God.**” 1 Corinthians 10:31

“I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

- **“But by the grace of God** I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect.”

- “No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.”
1 Corinthians 15:9-10

3 Enemies of the True Reward:

1) The **PILLOW**

- This is the seduction of **COMFORT**.
- God never called us to **EASY**.
- God called us to **DENY OURSELVES**.

2) The **SHINY THING**

- The allure of **CONSTANT DISTRACTIONS**.

3) The **TOWEL**

- The temptation to quit, to **THROW IN THE TOWEL**.

“I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race, complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me.
Acts 20:24

“I run with purpose in every step.” 1 Corinthians 9:26

C3 Group Questions

Accountability: Were you at church on Sunday to grow & learn? Did you read/listen to the Bible & pray this week on a regular basis? If so, share what stood out to you in your time with God?

Ice Breaker: What are you looking forward to in the next few days, weeks, or years?

Or: What happened today that you're thankful for?

Review: What one thing stood out to you (either helpful, insightful or troubling) from the weekend's message?

Group Discussion:

The prize isn't in what you accomplish occasionally, the prize is in what you do daily.

What does this statement mean to you?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:31. What are some ordinary things you do that may actually be worship before God?

Mark mentioned 3 enemies of true reward: The pillow (comfort), the shiny thing (distraction), & the towel (quitting). Which do you need to fight against the most?

Share about a time you were ready to give up, but you somehow pressed on. What happened?

What good things are you tempted to quit? How can you let God's purpose for them create passion in you?

How can this group pray for you this week? Who in this group can you pray for this week?

Next Steps: (*"Do not merely listen to the word.....Do what it says."* James 1:22)

- Define your purpose. Write down a few sentences to help you define what God has you here for.
- Next time you're doing something mundane & ordinary, start praying & giving it to God as worship.