

Clear the Stage **By Randy Henson**

We need to clear the stage of our lives and end the performance

What you are in the sight of God is what you are, no more no less

It is time for us to put aside everything that is tugging at us and come to the very essence of who we were designed to be

3 features of Jesus life

Jesus lived for God

The Father meant everything

John 17:1

“Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.”

John 5:19

I do nothing on my own, but only what I see the Father doing.

Living for God can only come through constant prayer

John 14:23

“Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

There are plenty of Christians that are willing to follow the Lord halfway

We will give up possessions, friends, family, honors, but to disown myself???

When we live our lives wholly to God, the power of The Holy Spirit is unleashed

Jesus lived for others

He was “the friend of publicans and sinners”

He was confident in His identity

That is the only way that we can become servants, if we find our identity somewhere other than the world

I think that in the kingdom the formula for greatness to seek to be unknown

Look at how Christ disappears and we can only see Him in others...

Matthew 25:40

‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Jesus lived in simplicity

He says “don’t lay up treasure for yourself on earth, because where your treasure is, your heart is”

Matthew 10:9-10

“Do not get any gold or silver or copper to take with you in your belts—no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or a staff”

Luke 12:22

“...do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.”

He talks about a man who is busy building bigger barns and He calls him a fool

When we live in simplicity, it is proof that we have found what we were looking for, that we have stumbled onto the treasure hidden in the field

We have to come to the point where we understand that we reach life only through death

When we respond to Jesus call “Come to me” the Holy Spirit is unleashed in our lives with astonishing force

Ephesians 4:23-24

Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.