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apostles. How do you act the part of someone who is only in the background of the scene?

I enjoyed his description, because James, the Less is the role that many of us play in life. We aren't governor, mayor or president. We don't make the newspapers with famous quotes, pearls of wisdom that spew from our lips. We recognize that we will never appear in Reader's Digest's *My Most Unforgettable Character* section. We are on the scene, doing what we can, trying to help... but never the main player.

How we accept the role tells us much about ourselves. Some folks can't be the bit player. For them it is a star part or no part. If they aren't noticed, they take their marbles and go home. For others, it is exactly their part. Washing dishes after a funeral dinner, polishing shoes before a family gathering or slaving away in a kitchen or barn while others stand in the front, greeting and smiling. For some, listening to the comments of others, mutely absorbing the things going on around them while working through how it applies to them is entirely comfortable.

Or, we can be that one, pretty much unnoticed in the crowd that is vexed by it. You've seen them in the photograph, a scowl on their faces, in the background of the photo... looking on and thinking how much better it would be if they were up front. For them, it is all about positioning. Where are they in the hierarchy? I don't want to be that one, but I know I have been.

Always remember, Jesus called men like James the Less and Thaddeaus and you for a reason. Do your job, even in the background. Sometimes, it is who we are.

Grace and Peace,

Where belonging to God means belonging to each other.

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I had a much more exciting week this week. The minister's retreat was outstanding, with Dr. Rick Oster from Harding School of Theology in Memphis, TN. He spent the two days teaching from Ephesians and brought some really rich insights and historical background. It is always good to be with other students of Scripture and discuss things of God. There isn't always agreement in details but fellowship and love for God and his people are never compromised and always placed at the forefront.

I also read a great book last week, *Losers Like Us, Redefining Discipleship after Epic Failure* by Daniel Hochhalter. He discusses being in a play and being cast as one of the 12 apostles, James the son of Alphaeus. His first thought was, "Awesome, Peter, James and John! One of the *Big 3*." No, that James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee. That is the wrong James. "Super, James the brother of Jesus. Right in the holy family, next to Jesus." Nope, that James may not have even been a disciple. This is the "other James". A third James, never speaks in Scripture and only mentioned four times, each of those in a list of other apostles. He is so insignificant, that he is known by Bible scholars as James, the Less. We might almost think that his only contribution is that without him, Jesus would only have eleven

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SUNDAY: Leisure Homestead Service—9:30 am
Bible Study for all ages—10:00 am
Worship Service—10:45 am
Afternoon Service—1:15 pm

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—7:30 pm
Youth Group—7:30 pm (@ Carl's)

ELDERS: Richard Breensing, Teddy Gingrich, Loyd Ratts,
Terry Sallee, George Shelton

DEACONS: Jerry Kinnamon, Jon Mansel

TREASURER: Richard Breensing

Worship Order for October 26, 2014

SONG LEADER: Jerry Kinnamon

GATHERING SONG: No. 103—He Has Made Me Glad

WELCOME: Tom Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 3:7-11 (Chase Mansel)

SONGS: No. 589—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

No. 452—Standing on the Promises (vs 1, 2, 4)

No. 414—Anywhere with Jesus

No. 801—Where No One Stands Alone

PRAYER: Terry Sallee

SONG: No. 364—Come, Share the Lord (vs 1, 2)

COMMUNION: Gary Hornbaker

Richard Breensing

Fred Johnson

Chris Mansel

MEMORY WORK: Carl Feril

SONG: No. 509—I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

LESSON: Carl Feril (*Children's Bible Hour*)

SONG: No. 948—I Am Resolved (vs 1)

PRAYER: Teddy Gingrich

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Welcome Visitors

We are pleased you have joined us in worship—please come again!

Area-Wide Singing

The Pratt Church of Christ invites us to an area-wide singing tonight at 6:00 pm. A sandwich supper will follow at 7:30 pm. This is always a wonderful time of praise, prayer, scripture reading and fellowship.



Youth Group

Youth Group will meet at Carl & Janet's on Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

Baby Shower!



Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Joe & Man Sallee on Sunday, November 2nd, after lunch. They are expecting a little girl in early December. For your convenience, they are registered at Walmart and also Target.

Upcoming Events at Silver Maple Camp

➤ **Adult Retreat:** Nov 15—This is a one-day event at camp

➤ **Teen Retreat:** Nov 21-23

News of the Work in Chihuahua, Mexico

Another update from Ubaldo & Maria Cardona was received this week, sharing news of their recent activities along with some pictures. The printout of the email is posted on the bulletin board for you to read.

Prayer Requests

(Please provide updates to Janet)

Kade Kinnamon—foot surgery at Pratt last week went well
Denise Bailey (Meagan's mother) - as she recovers from a surgery last week

Elmer Schuette (Marla's brother-in-law) - lost 3 fingers in a power equipment accident a couple of weeks ago

Wilbur Kinnamon—Leisure Homestead-Stafford

Keri Morphew (Janet's sister-in-law in Lubbock) - as she recuperates from back surgery; she has to stay in Dallas another week before being released to travel home

Jett Weber—on a new medication

Shirley Breensing (Richard's mother)

Landon Neidig—waiting for his next surgery to be scheduled

Myron Breensing—The Arbors at Waldron Place

Bonnie Guthrie (Kay's mother)—HomePlus in Stafford

Don Hornbaker—Kenwood Plaza

Dennis Lyons (Chet's brother)

Charlene Lyons (Chet's sister-in-law, Dennis' wife)

Eldon Ivy (Marilyn's brother)

Danny Ivy (Marilyn's brother)

Theo Birkett (Tara's mother)

Barbara Schuette (Marla's half-sister)

Jim Sorensen (Tara's brother-in-law; brain tumor)

Jim Soukup (Gingrich's son-in-law [Shari's husband])

Vic & Phyllis Staub—Kenwood Plaza

Laura Wyatt—Kenwood Plaza

Margaret Marks (Ned's mother)

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