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MAGNIFIED



IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH FIVE DIFFERENT SALES REPRESENTATIVES TO EVALUATE OUR CHURCH AUDITORIUM'S PROJECTOR NEEDS. I'VE LEARNED A LITTLE ABOUT HOW IMAGES ARE MAGNIFIED USING LCD OR DLP TECHNOLOGIES. IT'S TRULY AMAZING HOW AN INFINITESIMALLY SMALL PIXEL CAN BE ACCURATELY PROJECTED ONTO A 12' X 12' SCREEN. IT REMINDS ME OF HOW GOD, WHO KNOWS THE MICROSCOPIC ELEMENTS OF OUR HEART, CAN PROJECT THEM FOR ALL TO SEE.

I THINK OF MAGNIFIED SIN IN II SAMUEL 12:10 WHERE WE READ, "NOW THEREFORE, THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE, BECAUSE YOU HAVE DESPISED ME AND HAVE TAKEN THE WIFE OF URIAH THE HITTITE TO BE YOUR WIFE." THEIR "TINY" LUST MADE WAY FOR TREMENDOUS LOSS. DAVID AND BATHSHEBA'S PRIVATE SIN HAD VERY PUBLIC CONSEQUENCES.

CONSIDER ALSO MAGNIFIED SERVICE IN MARK 14:3-9. HERE WE READ THE ACCOUNT OF A WOMEN WITH A BOX OF EXPENSIVE PERFUME POURING IT ON THE FEET OF JESUS. SOME WERE INDIGNANT AT THE SUPPOSED WASTE OF RESOURCES, BUT JESUS INDICATED THAT HER ACT WAS A WORTHWHILE AND APPROPRIATE ANOINTING OF HIS BODY BEFORE HIS DEATH AND BURIAL. CHRIST SAYS OF HER, "WHEREVER THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED IN THE WHOLE WORLD, WHAT THIS WOMAN HAS DONE WILL ALSO BE SPOKEN OF IN MEMORY OF HER." (V. 9).

IN ACTS 13:1-13 WE LEARN OF A MAGNIFIED SAVIOR. HERE PETER AND JOHN HEAL A LAME BEGGAR SITTING AT THE GATE OF THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM. WE'RE TOLD THAT HE RECEIVED STRENGTH IN HIS FEET AND ANKLES AND IMMEDIATELY LEAPED UP WALKING AND PRAISING GOD. PETER SAID TO THE AWESTRUCK ONLOOKERS, "WHY DO YOU GAZE AT US, AS IF BY OUR OWN POWER OR PIETY WE HAD MADE HIM WALK? THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB, THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS, HAS GLORIFIED HIS SERVANT JESUS, THE ONE WHOM YOU DELIVERED AND DISOWNED IN THE PRESENCE OF PILATE, WHEN HE HAD DECIDED TO RELEASE HIM." PETER RATHER BLUNTLY MADE THE POINT THAT THE JESUS THEY MURDERED WAS MAGNIFIED THROUGH THIS MAN'S MIRACLE.

MAGNIFIED SAINTS ARE REPORTED IN ROMANS 8:17. BELIEVERS HAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT, AS HEIRS OF GOD AND FELLOW HEIRS WITH CHRIST, IF INDEED WE SUFFER WITH HIM WE MAY ALSO BE GLORIFIED WITH HIM. THEREFORE, WE CAN SAY WITH PAUL THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF PRESENT ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE SUPERIORITY OF THE FUTURE. (V. 18)

MAGNIFIED: THINK ABOUT IT!

LOOKING UP,
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE