



Grace Unleashed: Your Superpowers for a Purpose Craig Rees | 30 JULY 2023

BIG IDEA: For the church to fulfill its vocation, the saints must steward their superpowers.

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 4: 10-11

1. What are your spiritual gifts?
2. Do you use your gifts in service in the church? If not, why not?
3. Pastor Craig said that not serving is equivalent to pausing our praising. What is true about that statement? In what ways can a statement like that be misunderstood and misapplied?
4. Pastor Craig gave five metaphors for the body of Christ and the believers' role within it:
 - a. The Puzzle Piece
 - b. The Human Body
 - c. The Prism
 - d. The Plant
 - e. The Musical Instrument

Which of these metaphors is the most powerful to you and why? Which of these is the least impactful to you and why?

5. How easy is stepping back from serving because it does not suit our lifestyle? When is stepping back from service legitimate? When is it illegitimate? What advice would you give to someone struggling to discern the difference?

6. "Serving is significant, but it must not be the foundation of our significance." Look at some of the consequences of finding our significance outside of our status as God's children.
 - a. The overemphasis on vocation can lead to neglecting other important aspects of life, leading to burnout, stress, and a decline in overall well-being.
 - b. Experiencing a setback in a career and a strong vocation-based identity will be disrupted, causing an identity crisis.
 - c. Focusing solely on a profession may result in a limited sense of self, leading to difficulties forming meaningful relationships outside of work.
 - d. Neglecting other important areas of life, such as family, hobbies, and personal interests, can lead to an imbalance that negatively affects overall happiness and relationships.
 - e. If identity is heavily tied to your vocation, failure or rejection in the professional sphere can significantly impact self-esteem and mental health.
 - f. Relying on external validation from work-related achievements can leave a person feeling undervalued if they do not consistently receive the recognition they think their commitment deserves.
 - g. Retirement means that a vocation-based identity is no longer applicable, leading to feelings of loss, purposelessness, and difficulty adjusting to a new phase of life.

Which of these is, or has the potential to be, the biggest issue for you? Why is that, and what is the antidote to it?