



Monday Matters

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Did You Say *Great*?

The other day the news focused on a great man. This man had become great because he was a noted boxer. Other reasons were attached to his greatness as well. Now, I have a less than zero interest in boxing, so this admittedly did not appeal to me in any way. But it was reported throughout the day and the news media heralded it as an important occasion in our world.

There have been many great people throughout history and even in modern times.

Here is a list of great people that Time magazine recorded in recent years:

- 2000 - George W. Bush
- 2001 - Rudolph Giuliani
- 2002 - The Whistleblowers
- 2003 - The American Soldier
- 2004 - George W. Bush
- 2005 - Bill Gates, Melinda Gates, and Bono
- 2006 - You
- 2007 - Vladimir Putin
- 2008 - Barack Obama

These people were chosen for a greatness that most people do not have...except in the case of "You."

Is there a test for greatness? There is, and this anonymous writer outlines some ideas about greatness...it is not the description we all expect.

"Nineteen long centuries have come and gone and today he is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever were built, all the parliaments that ever sat and all the

kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life."

In astounding contrast to what I heard about this great boxer, this is how THIS great man described himself:

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-29)

This kind of greatness reaches deep within the human heart. It's a heart that understands how shallow we view greatness sometimes. It's a greatness that is gentle, humble and serves the weary and the suffering. He became these "great" things so we could connect to His ability to reach down and rescue us when we could not rescue ourselves.

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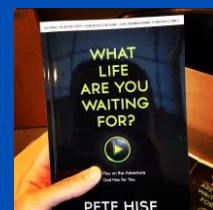


Update on the Bethel Dream Center in Alaska

Anthony, Kristin and children are back in Bethel and the renovation of the donated building is well under way. The residence portion of the Dream Center for the family is expected to be ready to move into by the end of the month though not quite completed. People have donated funds towards the entire project and people have given of their time to help work on the building. God will use this Dream Center to rescue people and transform their lives.



Click here to learn more about the Bethel Dream Center - www.BethelDreamCenter.com



An amazing book will soon be available entitled ***What Life Are You Waiting For?*** by Pete Hise. A chapter of this book can be downloaded free by clicking on the image to the right.



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