♦SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, August 23, 2015

"RIGHT-SIZING"

(John 3:22-30)

Words like "pressure", "overworked", "busy", and "tired" are common in our descriptions of our lives. We are a driven people and life can quickly get out of balance and out of control. John the Baptist was a man who lived with passion and purpose. His days were never wasted and always packed, yet, his life was "right-sized" by a godly perspective.

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"When I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Corinthians 2:1-5, ESV).

"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5, ESV).

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- 1. When we are right-sized we understand stewardship.
- 2. When we are right-sized we understand who we are.
- 3. When we are right-sized we understand God's purpose for us.

"A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" (John 3:27, ESV).

"What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?" (1 Corinthians 4:7, NLT).

"You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above" (John 19:11, ESV).