

Mules Named Willing and Able

There once was a farmer who had two mules. One was named Willing and the other was named Able.

However, Willing was willing but was not able. Able was able but was not willing. The farmer didn't get much done.

Jesus needs people who are willing and able. And the ironic thing is that when we subordinate our desires to His desire, when we enlist as privates in His army, when we serve as priests in His temple, which is the world, when we give ourselves in His service, it is then that we are lifted up.



In losing ourselves, we find ourselves. That is the nature of His kingdom.

A noted novelist was talking with a friend about two of their greatest countrymen. Of one, they said, "He makes everyone around him seem smaller. That is his greatness."

But then they decided that the other was even greater because he made everyone around him feel great."

That is a mark of leadership.

And it is true in the spiritual realm. In subordinating our desires to the desire of Christ, in becoming less than we might desire to be, the result is that He lifts us up and makes us greater.

As the Apostle John said in the Book of Revelation, He who is the ruler of kings on earth loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father.

This is an unfinished world, and it is we who have been called because of our relationship with Jesus Christ to bring it to completion. That is not to say that the kingdom of God will be brought in by our efforts. It is Christ who builds the kingdom, but He builds it through those who are receptive to His word.

That is you and me. We need to be willing and able.

And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last (Luke 13:30 ESV).

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