



Pastor Hanke's Blog

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Humble Leadership

Bible Reference: Luke 5:1-11

Reflecting on the Super Bowl and my struggles with Tom Brady, I realized again that it is the loud and arrogant leaders who often draw our attention. I don't have a favorite team in basketball, so I love watching any great player. I admired Michael Jordan for years and loved watching him win. My view of Michael Jordan changed the minute I began to see his arrogance. I prefer the Michael who was sad when his dad passed, and to remember that picture of him. I also like watching LeBron James. LeBron can be outspoken, but seems to be a great dad and a faithful husband, and he finds ways to serve the community.

Back to football, when Tom Brady began whining about all the people questioning the Patriots, I was disgusted. How is it, after all his years of winning, that he can cry out for sympathy? And then, after all that crying, he went on to beat my Chiefs and be the first NFL player with 6 rings. It just doesn't seem right. The opposite of Brady is Patrick Mahomes, a Chief player. Patrick hardly ever brags about himself. I love his humbleness, the way he handles himself, and how he builds up his teammates. He also recognizes God. I think the same about the newest Cardinal—Paul Goldschmidt. It is amazing that the Cardinals are getting such a humble leader who is an amazing first basemen!

My passion for humble leaders is found in the leader I follow every day of my life—Jesus. Jesus showed the world what being a humble leader looks like. It was so foreign for many of them. They never expected anyone, especially a leader, to act in such a way. Yet, once the shock was over, it was refreshing to see a truly humble leader.

This week in our reading Jesus is doing more miracles. If that were us, our human nature would be crying out, "Hey, look at me and what I can do!" But not Jesus. He was a humble leader who helped people because He loved them dearly, period. There were no hidden agendas. On Sunday we will look closer at these miracles and what they teach us about our Savior and about how to lead in this world.

God's Peace,

Pastor Will