

YOUR SIGNIFICANT LIFE

Luke 1:5-7 ... "There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judea, a certain priest name Zacharias, of the division of Abija. His wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth."

I think we all dream of "being somebody." You might wish you could be a famous singer, an important elected official, or a well-known doctor. You might have grown up dreaming of being a general in the army, the principal of a school, or the Governor. It is the desire of most people, regardless of our stations in life (rich or poor), to rise from our humble beginnings and become famous and well-liked.

Today's verse speaks of Zacharias and Elizabeth, the father and mother of John the Baptist who, after he grew up, announced the arrival of Jesus and baptized him. That makes John the Baptist a pretty important guy in the history of the earth. John's parents only get brief mention in the Bible, but without them there would be no John the Baptist. So, that makes his parents significant characters in this story. We know almost nothing about Joseph, the husband of Mary. But Jesus was trained by Joseph and they apparently worked together as carpenters for about 20 years, which means that Joseph was a key figure and influence in Jesus' life. Throughout history, people have risen up from their simple beginnings and become famous and important. Without parents, none of them world would have existed.

Are you famous and important? If not, God may have appointed you to properly raise a child who will be. The Godly traits you impart to your children, the love you express and demonstrate to them, the discipline in which you train them, and the sacrifices you make to give them opportunities could produce a public servant or a highly respected leader who will change the course of history. Your child may become a teen sensation who testifies of the role of God in his or her life. Your son or daughter may become a surgeon who saves hundreds of lives, a lawyer who defends the innocent, a politician who fights for the poor, or a pastor who spreads the Gospel of Jesus to the lost.

You may never be mentioned in history books or have a statue made in your likeness. Your picture may never hang in a government building, nor your story told in a movie. You may not be remembered at all, except by those who love you. However, your life is significant in one way or another and your joy, satisfaction, and reward will be your treasure forever in heaven, if you produce children who love and serve God. Do your best. Serve God in the way he has planned for you. Reap God's rewards for your service and seek not the praise of men in this life.

Copyright © 2017 Datu Wali Mission Foundation