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and was just going through the motions. Now, I just tell myself, "God has redeemed me and my job," and I am able to finish the day with a joyful heart.

The second is that God wants us to live lives of greatness. Valdur Koha, an elder in the Boston Church of Christ, shared about his company and how at the pinnacle of success, the lives of his employees were in shambles because they were serving money and not God. Valdur has a very inspiring testimony of how he has since become an entrepreneur for God and how he is helping others to love and serve Jesus. His story is inspiring to me, because I lose focus of the mission when I am buried in work and responsibility. I am reminded that if I truly want to be great, I need to focus on loving God and serving others.

The third takeaway is to "play for an audience of one." Mack Strong, a retired Seattle Seahawk who lives in Pullman, Washington, shared about his rise to fame in the NFL. His story is inspiring to me because even after his fame and success, he was able to stay focused on God. God is the one we serve and when we seek to please others, we lose.

Watch the lesson at DToday.tv. *(Please note that a small subscription to DTV is required to access the lesson).*

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October 21-31, 2016

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June 29-July 1, 2017

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Asheville, North Carolina USA
August 4-6, 2017

2017 Family Ministry Conference
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Orlando, Florida USA
July 2-5, 2020

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"Journey Into Manhood" at Reach2016

Written by Chad Billman

On Saturday morning at Reach2016, all the men of the conference came together to be inspired by eight men who have walked the walk and talked the talk. Each shared about their life and the highs and lows that God has brought them through. The scripture that unified all their messages was Ephesians 6:7, "Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people."



These eight men shared how God made their paths straight as they strived to seek first his kingdom. The three main points I took away are: Jesus came to redeem my work, God wants us to live lives of greatness, and "playing for an audience of one."

The first is that Jesus came to not only redeem me, but my work. Ed Anton, an evangelist from the Hampton Roads Church in Norfolk, Virginia, shared about how Christ came to restore everything back to the way it was in the beginning. My job, no matter how big or small, is significant because God gave it to me and I am serving the Lord. I really took this to heart when I went back to work after the conference. I had lost motivation to be excellent in my job

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