

“And note this: Some who seem least important now will be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then.” Luke 13:30 NLT

## [lectio] // LUKE 13:22-35

listen to the text by reading out loud slowly and repeat up to 3x if desired

I have heard people say, “we will be shocked to know who made it in and disturbed to know who didn’t.” Jesus seems to verify some of this. I also know that I have thought, “I may not make it in” and other times, “I’m secure in knowing God will do the impossible.” This idea of eternity, is it only for the really old to consider? When we’re young it’s fast cars, fast pace and high risk. As we get older, our bodies take longer to heal, we ache more and start to realize we are NOT going to live forever - and wouldn’t want to in these bodies! The least important now are the quiet, meek and weak. The children, the widow and the orphan. The invisible, untalented and non-flashy. These are the least among us. The power brokers who use people like pawns are the greatest here. They demand and command to be heard, to be served and admired. As they are greatest now, but how will they fare in eternity? The Hazel Glovers, Al Crabbs and Lora Finch’s will tower over the assumed power people in heaven.

## [oratio]

pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

One of the songs I remember from my youth, “If you want to be great, in God’s Kingdom, learn to be a servant of all.” I want to serve people all the way to you and all the way into the kingdom of God.

Besides, I’m getting close to sixty and thinking a little more about eternity now 😊

## [contemplatio]

rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root