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We love our **superstars**.

This value system leaves Christians desiring some special talent or ability that would set them apart as being **worthy**.

It also leaves many Christians thinking that what the small, struggling churches in America really needs is a **Superstar Pastor**.

God didn't promise the church an abundance of superstar leaders, but He did promise to provide all the necessary **gifts and leadership**.

We are all viable, valuable parts of the **body of Christ, the church**.

Jesus is more concerned about your **availability** than your *ability*.

When just one of us neglects to fulfill our role, the body of Christ is **hindered**.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY SUPERSTAR. If you don't experience Jesus here today, **we've failed**.

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

Christ didn't die for us because we were so **talented, intelligent, or righteous**.

*<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, look at what you were when God called you. Not many of you were wise in the way the world judges wisdom. Not many of you had great influence. Not many of you came from important families. (I Cor. 1:26-31)*

Our need is for those who would say, "**Here I am Lord, send me.**"

You are **important** to God and to the ministry of this Church.

*"The God of all grace will Himself perfect you, and give you firmness, strength and a sure foundation."* I Peter 5:10

#### ***From Kimball to Graham***

A Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball, in 1858, led a Boston shoe clerk to the Lord. That clerk, Dwight L. Moody, became an evangelist and in England in 1879 awakened evangelistic zeal in the heart of Frederick B. Meyer, the Pastor of a small church. F.B. Meyer, preaching on an American college campus, brought to Christ a student named J Wilbur Chapman. Chapman, engaged in YMCA work, employed a former baseball player Billy Sunday, to do evangelistic work. Sunday held a revival in Charlotte, North Carolina. A Group of local men were so enthusiastic afterward that they planned another revival, bringing Mordecai Hamm to preach. In that revival, a young man named Billy Graham heard the gospel and yielded his life to Christ.