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“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”  
—Mark 10:45

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Every four years the world experiences something quite remarkable, the Olympic Games. We watch with national pride the opening ceremony as each country's athletes' parade into the stadium all dreaming of glory and a gold medal.

A few of those events are over in less than 30 seconds, 10 for the 100-meter sprint, but they spend four years' worth of practice and other races to get to one that one moment. Think of all the workouts, of not doing what your friends, being away from your family and all the other hardships that most people would never put themselves through to achieve the potential of a gold metal title. That is one of the reasons all those athletes are celebrated as they are whether they win or not.

Someone once asked C.S. Lewis, “Why do the righteous suffer?” “Why not?”, he retorted. “They're the only ones who can take it.”

Jesus had that same expressed focus, for which no one else could qualify for, to seek and to save, to serve and not be served for the sole purpose of receiving glory.

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Jesus, the Son of Man was disregarded and humiliated of his own fruition to come one moment in history, one event, to fulfill all of Scripture, his death on a cross, burial, and resurrection.

His investment in the will and glory of God the Father, setting aside his own prerogatives to endure and suffer the hardship of this earthly life only to receive the crowning glory that he is due. Only the Son of Man could run that event.

Hebrews 2:9-But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

So, Jesus now standing on top of the podium now declares that everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God-Luke 12:8

Have you acknowledged him? How willing are you to endure the hardships of life knowing the glory that is awaiting you?