

Essay from the bold pastor

#258 - Rio Olympics - ②Auctioning Off the Silver Medal

Piotr Malachowski, a discus thrower from Poland, is auctioning his Olympic silver medal to help save a 3-year old boy from cancer. He asked for support for a cause bigger than the silver medal, the health of a young boy.

The Polish boy Olek Syzmanski has been fighting an eye cancer for two years. The cancer cannot be treated in Poland, and his only hope is to get treatment in a New York hospital. He needs \$126,000 to treat the disease, and despite a fundraising effort by Polish foundation SiePomaga, only about a third of the money required had been raised.

The track and field star is not related to the boy, but decided to rise up to the challenge to help pay for the treatment. Many were inspired by his actions and entered the auction. The medal was sold for an amount which enabled Malachowski to meet the fundraising goal. Malachowski said that the auctioned medal has produced a value that surpasses any gold medal. His generosity has stirred up the hearts of those around the world. The Bible states,

“Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.” 2 Corinthians 8:11

The key points here are your “eager willingness”, and to do the work “according to your means.” When you love another and give what you can out of eagerness, joy is created, impact is made, love overflows, and something greater than any Olympic medal is born. Christ gave up his life, and as a result, filled his surroundings with joy. Same will be true of any one who decides to follow him.

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