



MESSAGE 2: CALL TO GREATNESS

CLAIM YOUR DESTINY

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: Matthew 20:26b - 27

“Whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave.”

MESSAGE GOAL: To achieve greatness you must position yourself to be used by God as a servant to His will. The goal of this sermon will be to encourage the men, and women, within the congregation that a call to greatness within men is okay, in fact it is ordained by God (Psalm 8). Engage and showcase this call to greatness through the dominion God has granted humanity over creation. However, that greatness is only possible through the heart of humility, servant leadership, and becoming slaves to His will over your own ambitions for success.

SERMON IDEAS:

- Start by defining the worldly perspective of greatness. Greatness carries the implication that the particular person or object, when compared to others of a similar type, has clear and perceivable advantage. How does this relate to biblical humility and leadership?
- Look at the roles of dominion of man as established in Genesis 1:26-27 and Psalm 8, compared to that of Christ’s dominion (Jude 1: 24-25, Revelation 5:13). What difference do you see in man’s created dominion over Christ’s dominion over the Kingdom?
- Redefine the principles of greatness. From created glory and power (financial, career, possessions), to character greatness (humility, servant leadership, empowering others, giving).
- Showcase biographies of faith rather than testaments to power (Book of Martyrs, Fanny J. Crosby, Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

INTRODUCTION: The height of recognition within any sport is winning the championship prize such as a National Championship, Olympic Gold, or the World Cup. The battles fought over these prestigious titles have resulted in tears, pain, and trips to Disneyland. However the greatness associated with the triumph is short lived. Sure they will always have the medal, ring, or name etched on the trophy. But regardless of how big of underdog, how great the victory, or how grand the parade,

these victories fade into the past. New heroes arise and fall. Man was meant for greatness. He has been searching forever for a path to achieve it. God ordained him to do so and we are not to be ashamed of that fact (Psalm 8). However our greatness must never come at the cost of God’s glory. Greatness is the reason we were created, and the greatest we can become is in reflecting the glory of God.

We’re all in a battle. The teams on both sides are battling for control over our lives, families and churches. Sure the other teams are vying for the trophy and will do anything to knock you out of the race. But you are on the team of officials (John 16:33b). We take heart through the battle because Christ has overcome the struggles and difficulties for us. He has enabled us for greatness through His Word, and given us authority over His creation. So ask yourself, who’s team are you on? And see what greatness God has planned for you.



VIDEO OPTION: “Who’s Team Are You On?” found within your Campaign Kit.

Start into the principles of greatness as defined within the Bible. Address the qualities that make up a Christian leader (humility, integrity, righteousness, courage, and grace), and expand the principle of claiming the destiny God intended for you through the ministry of Christ (Matthew 20:26b-27).

POINT #1: Greatness is achieved through proper alignment to God: God intended man to rule over creation (Genesis 26), however the earth and everything in it belong to God (Psalm 24:1).

POINT #2: Dominion and greatness has been marred by Sin: Romans 8:19-22 – Creation is waiting for greatness within God’s people to be revealed.

POINT #3: Greatness is achieved through proper alignment to God, not through man: Matthew 20:25-28 – Men who achieve earthly greatness will fade away, but those who align themselves with the league office achieve greatness through God’s Word.

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