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Teaching Notes

Series: Experiencing Greatness

Week One

Greatness is not the same as being _____ .

First, If I'm going to experience greatness... I need to understand my _____ and my _____ .

Gen 1:27-31 (NLT) ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."²⁹ Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food."³⁰ And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground—everything that has life." And that is what happened.³¹ Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

Gen 2:15 (NLT) ¹⁵ The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

Rev 21:1-7 (NLT) ¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." ⁵ And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, I am making everything new!" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. ⁷ All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

Second, If I'm going to experience greatness... I need to put my _____ into perspective.

a) It begins with being completely _____ about my _____ condition!

b) I need to be in a _____ relationship with God.

c) I need to give God permission to _____ my character into one of greatness, as He defines it!!

d) I need to find the _____ _____ for experiencing greatness.

e) I need a circle of people that are _____, _____, and _____.

Psalms 35:1-7 (NLT) ¹ O LORD, oppose those who oppose me. Fight those who fight against me. ² Put on your armor, and take up your shield. Prepare for battle, and come to my aid. ³ Lift up your spear and javelin against those who pursue me. Let me hear you say, "I will give you victory!" ⁴ Bring shame and disgrace on those trying to kill me; turn them back and humiliate those who want to harm me. ⁵ Blow them away like chaff in the wind— a wind sent by the angel of the LORD. ⁶ Make their path dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them. ⁷ I did them no wrong, but they laid a trap for me. I did them no wrong, but they dug a pit to catch me.

Third, If I'm going to experience greatness... I need to _____ greatness, as _____ defines it!

2 Cor 5:17-18 (NLT) ¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.

Prayer:

"Lord, I admit that I am broken and hurting. I know that I have let my past be in control of my life today and my life in the future. Lord, I need a fresh start! I want to have a level playing field so that I can have a fair chance at being all You planned for me. Forgive me for thinking small, for settling for something far less than Your best for me!

With Your help, Lord, I promise to embrace greatness as You have spelled it out. I submit completely to You to help me become a person of greatness!

Thank You for loving me, for believing in me. Thank You for offering me a life of greatness! Amen!"