

The Greatest

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Mark 9:33-35 – After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked His disciples, “What were you discussing out on the road? But they didn’t answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, “Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else.”

As I was reading this verse in my devotion, this particular part stood out to me about being the greatest. Those of us who love the Lord and worship Him, call Him The Greatest and I’m certain that we are sincere in heart when we lavish our praises on Him. However, I’d like to call our attention to everyday life and the millions of things around us that beg for our greatness or at the least, pull on our desire to want to be great.

This isn’t a bashing on those who have achieved their masters, trophies, high scores, kudos, recognitions, certificates, Emmy’s or 1st places – but it is to call attention to dislodge the plan of the enemy to cause pride to operate in our lives.

If we aren’t careful where God has placed us, we can allow (sometimes unknowingly at first) pride to creep in and make us hungry for a place that isn’t really ours to begin with. Then before we know it, we are trying to create and arrange, and make things happen that aren’t in our strength or in our time to do. We can create avenues and doorways for the enemy to place hindrances in our lives without even seeing what hit us. Everywhere I look these days and in the news, someone is trying to be greater, get there first, and people will kill for it. It does no one any good – this thing called pride will bring alongside of it a buddy called FEAR.

We should walk in the love, presence, and power of God and we should claim victory to show God’s glory and we can call on the name of Jesus and He will save! These are truths that we can walk in daily – because of His promise and His great love for us. I pray that we will know His love and His purpose as we move in this day and hour – that we will bring His glory and greatness to others who need to be shaken from the vain, corrupt, chaotic crutches of this world. We need to encourage each other through this, **WE CAN OVERCOME AND WALK IN HIS GREATNESS** – because greater is He (God) who is in us than he who is in this world. He is greater friends- than all you see and know. He is **GREATLY** to be praised and He is alive and **GREAT** in each of you. Be blessed!

Colossians 2:8 - See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

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