



GUEST SPEAKER YOU WERE MADE FOR MORE

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BIBLE TEXTS John 10:10ⁱ • Galatians 2:20ⁱⁱ • 2 Corinthians 5:17ⁱⁱⁱ • Isaiah 1:18^{iv} • Matthew 11:28^v • Deuteronomy 28

1. God Is Good, and He Has More for His People

Dr. Brassfield opened with a simple but foundational truth: God is good. His mercy is fresh every morning, and His heart is not to keep His people trapped in fear, failure, or the opinions of others. Using the language of blessing given to Israel, he reminded the church that God desires to bless His people in daily life, in their homes, in their work, and in the things entrusted to their care.

That truth comes into focus in John 10:10. Jesus contrasted the enemy, who comes to steal, kill, and destroy, with His own purpose: to give life “more abundantly.” Brassfield stressed that believers were not made merely to survive. God’s goodness invites us out of brokenness, discouragement, and small expectations into the fuller life Christ makes possible.

Reflection: *Where have I begun to expect less from God because of disappointment, fear, or past experience?*

Notes: _____

2. Change the Channel

To explain how believers receive that “more,” Brassfield used the picture of an old analog radio. A radio may be working perfectly, but if it is tuned to the wrong frequency, the message comes through distorted or not at all. In the same way, our hearts can become tuned to voices of fear, scarcity, dysfunction, and defeat.

His story about his first car—a 1969 Pontiac Le Mans with an analog radio—made the point memorable. The issue is not whether heaven is speaking, but whether we are listening to the right broadcast. The answer is to “change the channel”: deliberately bring our thinking back under the truth of God’s Word.

Reflection: *What voice has been shaping my expectations more strongly than Scripture?*

Notes: _____



3. Do Not Let Yesterday's Wounds Set Today's Frequency

Brassfield then told the story of his grandfather, whose experience during the Great Depression left him deeply afraid of lack. Although he later accumulated substantial savings, the fear remained and affected his relationships. The lesson was clear: trauma can continue speaking long after the crisis has passed.

We may inherit fears, assumptions, and patterns from family history or painful experiences, but those things do not have to define our future. Brassfield urged the congregation to ask, "What does God's Word say?" about money, marriage, healing, and life. The past may explain some of our reactions, but it does not have to become our theology.

Reflection: *Is there an old fear or wound that I need to bring under the truth of God's Word?*

Notes: _____

4. Stand in the Finished Work of Christ

The second major key was to stand in what Jesus has already accomplished. Pastor Brassfield centered this section on Christ's cry from the cross: "It is finished." The torn temple veil pictured the opening of access to God. Sin had separated humanity from a holy God, but through the blood of Christ the way into His presence was opened.

The cross means that believers do not have to live under constant condemnation or the feeling that they can never qualify. Salvation rests on Christ's completed work, not our ability to make ourselves worthy. Brassfield emphasized that grace works because justice was satisfied in Christ. The invitation is to stop carrying what Jesus has already dealt with and to trust the sufficiency of His sacrifice.

Reflection: *Am I living as though Christ's work is finished, or am I still trying to earn what He has already provided?*

Notes: _____

5. Live From Your New Identity—and Step Forward in Faith

Brassfield pushed the message further by saying that Jesus did not merely die for us; in Paul's language, believers were crucified with Christ. Galatians 2:20 and 2 Corinthians 5:17 point to a new identity: the old person defined by sin, shame, failure, and condemnation no longer has the final word. In Christ, we are a new creation.



That new identity calls for response. The service moved into prayer for families, jobs, healing, deliverance, and freedom, followed by prayer for the church's harvest and leaders. Brassfield urged the congregation not merely to agree mentally, but to take a step of faith. He closed by calling the church to carry this message into the workplace, the community, and the region.

Reflection: *What step of faith would show that I truly believe I am a new creation in Christ?*

Notes: _____

Closing Thought

"You were made for more" is not an invitation to chase a trouble-free life. It is a call to live from the goodness of God, tune our hearts to His Word, refuse to let old wounds dictate our future, and rest in the finished work of Jesus. Because Christ has opened the way to God and given us a new identity, we can move forward with faith rather than condemnation. The message ends where Christian living begins "receive what Christ has done, believe what God says, and carry His hope to others."

ⁱ **John 10:10- English Standard Version**

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. It came to me that they may have life and have it abundantly.

ⁱⁱ **Galatians 2:20- English Standard Version**

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

ⁱⁱⁱ **2 Corinthians 5:17 - English Standard Version**

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.^[a] The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

^{iv} **Isaiah 1:18 - English Standard Version**

¹⁸ "Come now, let us reason^[a] together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

^v **Matthew 11:28 - English Standard Version**

²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.