

INTRODUCTION

- Today is Vision Sunday – an important day here at Metro.
- We are full of expectation concerning 2018.
- This is our year to see and do **GREATER!**
- In prayer concerning this year, I kept hearing that God is going to do the unknown.
- It's going to be **GREATER** than anything before.
- We've all experienced challenges and trials.
- Personally, 2017 was a year of great challenge for my family.
- The past few years we have seen great challenge in our economy, community, and church.
- No matter how great the trial, God's **GREATER** is here.
- All throughout the bible we see God doing great things for His children.
- Let's look at a few verses in the bible today where God promises us **GREATER** things.
- Turn with me to the fourteenth chapter of John.

GREATER

"You can have more than you got because you can become more than you are." -**Jim Rohn**

-Jesus – talking to His disciples and to us today – revealed a way that we can be and do **GREATER**.

John 14:12 (ERV)

*I can assure you that **whoever believes in me** will do the same things I have done. And they will **do even greater things** than I have done, because I am going to the Father.*

- Do you **believe** that **GREATER** is available?
- Do you **believe** that you can do **GREATER**?
- That's what Jesus is emphasizing.
- Bro Hagin said, "You get what you believe for in life; nothing more, nothing less."
- God wants us doing what He's doing.
- We have an **assurance** from Jesus that the **GREATER** is attainable to those *who believe*.
- This year, your GREATER will be contingent on your ability to believe for GREATER.**
- You will need a **GREATER** expectation.
- So how is **GREATER** available?

GREATER IS ALREADY IN YOU

1 John 4:4 (KJV)

...**greater is he that is in you**, than he that is in the world.

- GREATER** is within every child of God.
- God wants you living in **GREATER** days so much that He invested the **GREATER** One in you.
- This year, as we allow the **GREATER** One – the Holy Spirit – to operate through us, **GREATER** things will begin to happen.
- Alicia and I are expecting a **GREATER** move of God in our church than ever before.

GREAT CHALLENGE, GREATER COME BACK

- Again, we have all experienced life's challenges.
- If all we focus on is the great struggle we see or are experiencing – we will never see the things God wants us to walk in.
- In the twelfth chapter of 2 Samuel, we see David's struggle with what seems to be great defeat and loss, and how he chose to deal with it.

2 Samuel 12:20 (NKJV)

So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house...

- David refused to stay in the posture of the past.
- He refused to stay down and defeated; he was determined to see **GREATER** things in his life.
- In verse 24, we see that David did not let great challenge and loss stop him.
- Instead – after spending time with God – he and his wife tried again and they had Solomon – who later became one of the wealthiest and influential men of his time.
- Many would say that Solomon did **GREATER** things than his father David.
- None of Solomon's greatness would have been possible if his father David had not **believed** that God could do **GREATER** than the challenges that he faced.

GREATER IS WHERE YOU ARE

- In **Matthew 12**, the Pharisees were accusing Jesus and His disciples of breaking the laws of the Sabbath.
- They were upset because He was "working" on the Sabbath.
- Sometimes our surroundings try to limit us and what we can do.
- In verse 6 Jesus said, "...in this place there is One who is **GREATER**..."
- In other words, He was **GREATER** than the limitations surrounding Him.
- Maybe you have had some great challenges, but I came to tell you that **in that area**, there is One that is **GREATER**.

CONCLUSION

- This year, we will experience **GREATER** days and **GREATER** ways.
- GREATER** days will come from **GREATER** ways.
- If you want **GREATER**, it will require **GREATER** faith, **GREATER** expectation, **GREATER** prayer, **GREATER** sowing, and **GREATER** reaping.
- We will operate in the **GREATER** this year.
- God's doing a new thing - a **GREATER** thing than He has ever done before.