

Series: **The Greatness Curriculum**

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Text: **Genesis 12:1-3**

Greatness is in everyone!

In Genesis 12:1-3, God promised to bless Abraham and give him a great name which has the capacity to bless and be a blessing to countless others. When your name is known, people know you and what you stand for.

According to Galatians 3:13, although not direct (biological) descendants of Abraham, we are spiritual ones through Christ Jesus. Greatness is part of Abraham and anyone joined to or associated with him should experience greatness. Jacob and Israel were Abraham's descendants and their greatness was evident.

In Isaiah 51:1-2, Isaiah encouraged us to look at Abraham, our model for greatness. We need to think about ourselves and what we are evolving into. God wants us to picture ourselves in the light of Abraham and how he took him on the greatness journey.

The following are some big questions to ask oneself:

1. What does it mean to be great?
2. What is your definition of greatness?
3. Do you want to be great?

God called us and the call of God on our lives is greatness. Greatness is coded into our DNA already; we just need to cooperate with God for it to manifest.

There are certain perceptions about greatness which are not necessarily true. These are some of them:

1. I feel the cost of greatness is too high. Although greatness has a cost, it is by grace.
2. Greatness is for a select few, not for people like me. The answer to this is that everyone has something. There is a peculiar ability unique to each individual.
3. Greatness is being blessed materially – when you are a person of great influence and affluence. This conclusion is incomplete but not incorrect. Abraham became wealthy as he became great. God wants us to become blessings.

We don't need to pray for greatness as believers; we only need to cooperate with God to lead us to show up at the right place and time. Examples of prayers associated with greatness that we can pray are:

- Lord, Let time and chance happen to me
- Lord, do not let fear of failure hold me down
- Father, do not let past failures hold me

We are already great! David was already great when he was chosen and although he was forgotten by his father, God found him. David paid the price for greatness 'off-stage', where no one was looking. David's father did not even remember him but God chose him (1 Samuel 16:11).

What is true greatness?

1. Greatness is pursuing your passion. Answer this question: What is my passion? Find it out, then pursue it. God has put greatness in us all (Jeremiah 29:11). The thoughts in God's heart need to escape into yours for you to cooperate with Him and walk in line with His definition of greatness for your life. Are you following God's instructions?
2. Greatness is recognising that you have inherent capacity to add value and stepping out to do so.

Some useful tips:

- Philemon 1:6 mentions the acknowledgement of good things within you; are you acknowledging the good things within you?
- Stir up God's gifts within you and pick up your dreams.
- Every believer has a ministry to their church and a mission to their world.
- The vision of Elevation is to help you members unlock their dreams. You should dream of what you are going to be in 20 years and have a picture in your mind.
- Think and agree with God so that the older years do not just happen to you, instead you must happen to those years.
- Dream and plan in agreement with God.

In 2018, every working adult in The Elevation Church MUST own a property because this is part of the blessings of Abraham. The Bible says the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof (Psalm 24:1)