

The Road to Greater

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Isaiah 54:2-4 "Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes.³ For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited. 4 "Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;

God wants you and I unstuck in our FAITH.
God wants us to experience, " The More Of God."

So how do we get on the road to the more of God?

How do we get on the road to greater things?

Jesus is calling us to greater things.

John 14:12 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Its not that we would do more amazing things than Jesus.

He is talking about exponential greatness.

Exponential means to become more and more rapid.

When Jesus ascended back to heaven He sent the Holy Spirit and we became the carriers of His presence.

The New Testament Church has been dispersed over the face of the earth and through the power of the Holy Spirit greater things are happening.

God is giving us an opportunity to experience the more of God.

God is giving us an opportunity to experience greater things.

The Road To Greater is an expanding, fulfilling, God inspired, effective, no regrets life.

God is calling us to walk on the road to towards greater things.

God wants us to prepare now for the more.

Culture's definition of greatness will fade.

God's road to greatness has a destination of eternity.

On this road to greatness there are 2 ditches we need to avoid.

1. The ditch of miserable mediocrity:

Baseline survival is not God's intention for your life.

Just making it through life is not God's plan.

2. The ditch of self promoted greatness.

The world says you can be anything you want to be. However it's not long before we realize that this isn't true.

You can't be whatever you want to be!

But you can be everything that God has created you to be.

There is nothing that can stop you from being what God has for you to be.

3 quick thoughts on how to walk on the road to greater things.

1.The road to "greater" begins and continues in Christ.

Ephesians 3: 8-21 MSG

And so here I am, preaching and writing about things that are way over my head, the inexhaustible riches and generosity of Christ. My task is to bring out in the open and make plain

what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels!

All this is proceeding along lines planned all along by God and then executed in Christ Jesus.

When we trust in him, we're free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go. So don't let my present trouble on your behalf get you down. Be proud! My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit —not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in.

And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us. Glory to God in the church! Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus! Glory down all the generations! Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

The apostle Paul is encouraging us to take the road to greatness.

2. The road to "greater" requires serving others.

Mark 10:42 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 “Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant.

You will never out grow serving.

No matter how much money you have or success you achieve, you will never outgrow serving.

When was the last time you served someone who didn't deserve it and in doing so increased in greatness?

3. The road to "greater" always requires small beginnings

This is a principle in the Word.

Luke 21:1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, 2 and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. 3 So He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; 4 "for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had."

Jesus was moved by the widows 2 mites.

Be faithful in the small things and He will make you ruler over much.

Zechariah 4:6-10 So he answered and said to me: “This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ Says the LORD of hosts. 7 ‘Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of “Grace, grace to it!”””

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 9 “The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. 10 For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.”

God rejoices in what you begin not just what you complete.

God wants to take you to greater things as you obey His voice.