Emancipating Greatness: Redefining Greatness Pastor Johnson Bowie January 17, 2021

Genesis 1:27 NLT

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of **God** he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:28 NLT

Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."

1 Samuel 16:6-13 NIV

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have REJECTED him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David.

Your gifts can take you to where your character can't keep you!

You'll never make it to the **PALACE** if you can't be faithful in the **PASTURE**.

Two Questions We Must Ask to Redefine Greatness:

1) Who Defines Greatness?

The #1 question of our generation is, "Who gets to define me?"

Whoever or whatever defines us is our god.

Two Questions We Must Ask to Redefine Greatness:

2) What Is Greatness?

Matthew 20:26-28 NIV

"... whoever **wants** to become **GREAT** among you must be your servant, and whoever **wants** to be **FIRST** must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

GREATNESS is living **confident** in who God made me to be, using the unique **gifts** He put in me for His glory around me!

1 Samuel 15:17 NLT

Samuel told him, "Although you may think little of yourself, are you not the leader of the tribes of Israel? The LORD has anointed you king of Israel."

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