



**GREATER SERIES – Part Four: “Greater, in Me”**  
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*“But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.”* 1 John 4:4 (NLT)

*“And do not be conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* Romans 12:2 (KJV)

**God is GREATER, \_\_\_\_\_!**

How are we transformed? *By renewing our mind!*

- We need to replace our negative patterns and thoughts with God’s thoughts.
- Changing our thought patterns is not easy. Often they come from years of repetition. They can come from:
  - Friends      - Media                      - Parents/family
  - School       - the Pit of Hell              - Our imagination

*“Summing it all up, friends, I’d say you’ll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious – the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.”* Phil. 4:8 (MSG)

**We limit God’s GREATNESS with our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_.**

Most of us have wrong thought patterns of some kind.

- I’m not good enough      - I’m stupid      - I’ve done bad things
- I’ve always been sick, and always will be      - I’m unlovable

**Replace your thoughts with \_\_\_\_\_ to make God GREATER!**

- God’s thoughts are found in His WORD!

There can be a significant difference between **FACTS** and **TRUTH**:

- What God says overrules what the world tells us.
- Peter & Gravity: Gravity is a fact; God says “*walk on the water.*”
- Jesus and 5 loaves: Fact – small lunch; Truth – food for thousands.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* 2 Cor. 5:17 (KJV)

**When you think:**

- I’m stupid
- I’m unloved
- I’m sick
- Fear/Anxiety
  
- What do I do?
- I can’t

**Replace it with:**

- I have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16)
- For God so love ME, ... (John 3:16)
- By His stripes I’m healed! (Isa 53:5)
- I am an overwhelming conqueror (Rom. 8:37)
- The Lord is my strong tower... (Prov. 18:10)
- The WORD is a light to my path (Ps. 119:105)
- I can do ALL thing thru Christ (Phil 4:13)

**What does God say? That’s the \_\_\_\_\_!**

He created me, He loves me, He died for me,  
He has GREAT plans for me!

*“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life – and offer it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don’t become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out”* Romans 12:2 (MSG)

As I yield my thoughts to God, I will live out **“Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world.”**

FATHER GOD, *I repent for accepting, repeating, and believing the negative thoughts of myself, others and the enemy. I renounce the limitations those thoughts and words have put on my life and my destiny. I declare that those limitations are shattered and my future is amazing because I walk in YOUR TRUTH. Thank you for a GREAT life and a better future because you are GREAT in me! In Christ’s Name, AMEN.*