

Title: God Is Greater Still

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Ephesians 6:10-17 NKJV

What an exhortation this is. I try to teach the believers that we do not take off the armor, then put it on, or take off your righteousness, then put it on, or take off the light, then put it on. You keep it on as who you are. You have been redeemed and bought with the blood of Jesus. We are new creations in Christ Jesus. We are the very righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. We have been made right with God. We have been given armor. We do not walk around naked. We are clothed in God's power and His strength, His Word, and His might. There is action involved with this. The most important encouragement is that sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. Don't be offended with God and His word. Keep your sword sharp. Believe God's word, amen. Stay in faith. That is the song over us. Arise, we are born to overcome in the days of adversity.

I am going to continue from last week speaking about the goodness and the greatness of God, but this message would be called, "God is Greater Still." I am going to read it to you as it was given to me very early this morning. It speaks for itself. Amen. I want you to be encouraged that God is good and He is great. He wants to strengthen your faith in Him. Have an ear to hear. Be those who have ears to hear very simple truths. Amen. God is great, and He is greater still.

We are called to marvel at Jesus Christ, His works, and to know His way. Naturally as humans, made in the image of God, we were created and born for the impossible, the supernatural, the above and beyond the normal. In the beginning, Adam and Eve were brought forth by God and placed in paradise. We know it as Eden, Heaven on Earth, to steward what God had created. They walked with God in His goodness and His glory.

Sometimes you forget what they were walking in. They were walking with God in His goodness and His glory on Earth. Heaven on Earth, and they beheld His glory. The evil one Satan came to deceive. In his evil, deceptive ways, he tempted Eve, to question what God said, His words, His character, and even His heart.

Genesis 3:1 NLT

"The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. One day, he asked the woman, 'Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?'"

The man Adam agreed with the enemy's scheme and bold faced lie. The two most powerful, glorious children of God, willfully chose to sin by disobeying God's word and heart. The devil still works today to tempt God's born again, children of God to doubt His word. No matter what it is about or what the situation is, the enemy's scheme is, "Did God really say?" and more personally, "Why would it work for you? Why would

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God's word have anything to do with you?" Satan personally targets the individual's soul, purpose, mandate, call and the original assignment, to separate us from our Father in Heaven. That is how he first came, and he still comes and uses the same scheme.

Jesus said, "Have faith in God." So, we have to believe what the Bible says here. We have a testimony of which we were all born in. Thank you, Jesus for saving us. Have faith in God. We have what I call glimpses of glory in this life, where we sometimes think upon certain heavenly themes, and supernatural acts of God. Just a moment when we find ourselves thinking on something that is supernatural. That is not normal. That is impossible. That is glorious. That is lovely. That is heavenly. We are even in heavenly places, in just a glimpse, for just a split second.

Then the evil one comes immediately and says what he has to say about that. At that point, we come in and we say what God has to say about it. We say what God says. We speak what God says. We have to use our mouth and our voice to state and declare what God is saying even in a glimpse of glory.

"Holy Spirit leads us into all truth," Jesus said. So, have faith in God. Jesus said, "The Holy Spirit leads us into all truth." How glorious that Holy Spirit, who is God, leads you, the Church, and your family into all truth. Why do we doubt? Doubt is rooted in the fallen nature of mankind left to figure life out without God. That is rough. Jesus told us everything we need to know. What we do not know, the Holy Ghost does know. We do not know it all, but the Holy Ghost does. He reveals the truth brought to us joyfully. It is His will and pleasure to reveal truth to us.

If you ever get tired of verses that you should have memorized, we need to repent and get right. Because these are the words of Christ. We need to have them in our heart and know them, live and breathe them, and act on them. Live it, yes.

John 16:13-15 NKJV

This is good news. Jesus said, "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth." He has an answer for everything concerning your life. He has an answer for everything that pertains to life and godliness. Holy Ghost knows the Father's plan. He knows where you are in it. You have to personalize this.

John 16:13-14

He glorifies Christ. He hears the words of Christ, and His job is to impart it to us as children. He teaches us. He is a still small voice within us when you know what to do at just the right moment. Amen.

John 16:15

That is good news. Absolutely nothing is impossible for God. Remember the works of Jesus. Remember the works that were not recorded or even revealed to us?

John 21:25

This is the last verse in the book of John. All the Gospels are loaded with the testimony of Jesus Christ. They put in one clause at the end, "There are also many other things that Jesus did." Now that is glorious. But, I can guarantee you, we will know in Heaven about these works. They will be manifest in the fullness of time. They say it is just too good to be true. Well, He is truth!

John 14:12-14

"That He may be glorified." That is the heart of it. "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." He anointed them to do the same works as He did, in His authority and in His name. He commanded that we make disciples and teach them all that He reveals. We do this in every area of our life as God, in our God appointed spheres.

Matthew 28:18-20

This is known as the Great Commission. If you are tired of hearing it, we need to repent, get right, and do it. Do not judge the Word of God as being void, but full of power. If you are born again, you are His disciple, and you have been given His authority, power, and name to go influence the area you have been planted in.

In yourself, your family, and all the places you put your feet. This is power. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, God in the flesh, gave us the authority to do this. Versus just "going to church," right? Changing the way we think every day. Amen.

Matthew 28:18

Jesus said, "In this world, you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world." In Christ Jesus, we have been empowered as born again ones to literally thrive in this life, in His Spirit, even in adversities. It is a day of practicals. Be safe. Be wise in all of your dealings. Be wise in your finances. Be good stewards. Sow, give, bless others, and commit all you have to God. What you have, God has given to you. Put all under the blood of Jesus. That means you know and recognize that the blood of Jesus covers all, protects all, guards all, and keeps all because of your covenant with Him. Pray protection over your family, your homes, and your properties.

"Link angels," literally surround you. Unseen forces are around you day and night, night and day, to guard and keep you. Lock your doors and car doors. You laugh, but here we are. Do not go with strangers. Watch for suspicious ways. Always be on the alert and aware of your surroundings. Use common sense which is sorely lacking in the world today. Pray Psalm 91 overall. It is a good one. Part of that is just simply abiding and remaining in God and His Word. Spend more time with God and His Word than with your phone or your entertainment. Live life according to the Lord's direction, and pray daily over life. Forgive and be forgiven. Repent when your heart has sinned or doubted your Father's word. Do not isolate or walk alone. Get prayer when you need it. Continue to gather in Jesus' name with His body.

Hebrews 10:23-25

That sums it up right there. We are called to believe Him, and He is faithful. Amen. Worship God, thank God, open your mouth and bless His holy Name. You have to speak it. The devil cannot read your mind. Everybody needs to hear your praise to God. Say, "I believe you Jesus." Yes. Believe for miracles. You are one with Christ. Stay humble and resist pride. We are called and told according to God's word not to fear anything. That is amazing. But, know and believe God in everything.

We are called not to fear anything. There has to be a power that brings such a confidence to our spirit that we can actually do this, right. That is amazing. He promised never to leave us, fail us, or forsake us. You are in covenant with God. His blood speaks a better word. We have all carried weight and burdens that we were not called by God to bear. The Spirit instructs us to give such burdens to the Father. He shall comfort you and help you here. But, we have tried to carry them ourselves right. "Let the weak say they are strong."

Paul said he would rather boast in his weakness, so that Christ can be perfected in strength within him. When we are obedient to God, His words, His heart and His ways, we are blessed indeed. Yet, still we have to overcome like mighty victors in the challenges of life and the side effects of sin.

Not everyone believes in our God. Therefore, there are conflicts, chaos, troubles and persecutions in the Way of God. But, we are light in this world. We are true love in this world. We are called ambassadors of Heaven. We represent Jesus in this world, in the area of our influence, our sphere, and our domain that He has given to us. We were born for such a time as this. God made you for this time. Amen.

Mankind was literally created to do marvelous works with God. Our Lord Jesus Christ, willfully submitted to His father and ours, by dying and paying the price of man's rebellion and willful sin against God. We have good news, eternal life in Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. As if that was not enough, the Father chose to send Holy Spirit to actually live in us. Through Christ, the anointed One, and in His anointing, believers can be baptized in His Holy Spirit and fire to have the same authority and power and fire as Jesus Christ, on the Earth.

We have the raw power of God to live, not in our own abilities and strength, but in God's power, right? Thus empowering the believers to do His works. You cannot do this apart from God. Our eyes are fixed and focused on the Lord and on Holy Spirit's voice. Now, we know every day is an opportunity for life and light, to shine forth to us and for us. Life is on your side. Light is greater than the darkness. We believe and know and expect that God is with us as we overcome and carry out His will and His plans He has for us and our families.

Jesus told us of what was to come. He warned us of deception, human reasoning, and evil, especially in the last days. Right now, God is uncovering and exposing great darkness, lies, deception, evil demonic schemes, and plans for harm against humanity. But, "Light overtakes the darkness and out shines it." We just have to get our focus in

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the right place. What a part we have in this hour to walk with God in His power, His wisdom, and His ways. His Kingdom is an ever increasing Kingdom that knows no end. There is no decrease with God.

Do not listen to the lies of fear. Recognize the source. Test the spirit to see if they be of God. Only serve and follow the voice of our Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ. He said, "My sheep hear and they know my voice. A stranger's voice they will not listen to." Don't believe everything you hear or see. Watch for distractions, intending to shift your attention from the face of God. Stay in truth. Read your Bible. Be filled with Holy Spirit. Do, act on, or perform every thought, impression, and word that He speaks in your inner man. Whatever He tells you to do, do it. Yes. That is where the peace happens. Walk with God. Be obedient. Do not sin. Remain faithful in your daily duties and your God given opportunities. Be strong, be brave, be steadfast, immovable in this life and in your obligations.

Believe God first. I want to be one that when something comes to me, the first thing I do is to check for what God says. Yes, I want to believe the report of the Lord. Holy Spirit says, "Do not doubt. Do not doubt. Do not doubt." Believe God's word and follow the voice of Jesus, daily. I think it's called daily bread. We are called to pray, to decree, and to declare what God is saying. Demand and command truth in the spirit realm. Speak what God says. Do what the Spirit prompts you to do.

Do not fear what you do not see or know. Know God and His ways. Trust God, and tell Him you trust Him. It's okay that while you are driving to work you say, "I trust you, God." No matter what your need is, or what the battleground may look like, or where you are going in life, it is good to say, "I trust you God." Because, the opposite is to tell the devil, "I trust you." That is repulsive. It is blasphemous, right? So, I only have two options, fear or faith. I have to believe God, and what He says. But, I know that He is God, and I am not, understand?

Psalm 37:1-11

Psalm 23

When you pray the Word, you are walking about your way and you tell Him, "Jesus, you are my Shepherd. I shall never want." War with the word of God. Do not presume. Beware of presumptions and presumptuous thoughts. Walk with God. "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loves and cherishes the Church, His Bride." Pray for them. Bless them, encourage them, and tell them truth. Hold them, love them, and bring the words of life to them. War for them. Stand fast in faith as heads of your household, and teach your children the ways of the Lord and His word. Show them the love of God and learn from them. Have the faith of a child. Wives walk with God as mighty intercessors, hearing God's voice and agreeing with Him. Bless and undergird your husband in faith, without fear and doubt. Encourage, support, be kind, and honor the man of God.

Ephesians 6:1-2

As one in your household, believe God and raise up godly offspring. We are all children of God. Honor the family of God and all the members therein. No one should walk

alone. Keep the faith. Know God is your life source. Continue to give to God what is His financially as you live a life of giving in your tithes and offerings. Giving, helping, and blessing others. Do not forget His words. Even giving that cold cup of water in faith, shall not lose its eternal reward for you. Even giving a cup of cold water has great reward, because God sees.

Ecclesiastes 2:26

I have read through Ecclesiastes, but all of a sudden *this verse jumped out at me*. “God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight.” Right with God. “But to the sinner,” those who are not in Christ, “He gives the work of gathering and collecting that he may end up giving to Him what is good who walks with God.”

Proverbs 15:6 NAS

“Great wealth is in the house of the righteous. But, trouble is in the income of the wicked.”

Proverbs 13:22 NAS

“A good man leaves an inheritance to His children's children. And, the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.” These are not my words.

Hebrews 13:2 NKJV

“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.”

Look for God. “Show me your glory, Lord.” That is my prayer every day, “show me your glory.” We must see God's glory in and through all in this hour. Look through the stuff to see God's glory. Yes. Look for His glory. The nation is rocking and shaking, because what is not from Heaven is being rooted up. Hallelujah. Allow to *suffer*, for such a time as this, in order for truth and the Kingdom of God to shine forth as the sun as the scripture says. “Overcome evil with good,” yes.

Malachi 4:2 NLT

“But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in His wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture.”

Psalms 45:6 NLT

“Your throne, O God is forever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.”

Psalms 125:3 NKJV

Justice and righteousness are the very foundation of His throne. So, if you would be rooted and grounded in God, this is what goes before you, is above you, behind you, within you, undergirding you, and you have been given the scepter of righteousness to rule in the land. Christ's righteousness, your hope of glory.

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These are amazing words of God. He says pray for your leaders at every level and at home. Bless them and pray for them to encounter God Almighty. He knows all. He sees all. He is the Ancient of Days, and He rules overall.

Ezekiel 38:23 NKJV

“Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.”

That is the hour, and we are not at the end, beloved. You got it. “Thus I will magnify myself and sanctify Myself. I will be made known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.” God is in control and the Head overall. The potter who forms and makes the clay. He raises up and He brings down. Ask God for a new spiritual, holy hunger for His Word, His heart and His ways. He can impart and stir up your gifts and give you what you need. He will feed you.

He gave us all that we need in Christ, and we are all maturing and growing up in Him daily. Say, “I am growing up.” We must mature. “Grow up!” He says. It is not an option to not obey God's word and the assignments He gives you in your life and all your duties. See the eyes of fire of Jealous and gaze upon Him. Forsake the ungodly fleshly ways and the lure of this world and the systems of the world.

1 John 2:15-17 NKJV

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life— is not of the Father, but is of the world. The world is passing away and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.” Amen.

Follow God. Share life with those that God brings to you while you are on your path each day. Step out, pray, prophesy, teach, heal, deliver, save and give hope. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. It is all about God's Kingdom. So, walk in the Spirit no matter what comes. Know and believe God.

Galatians 2:20-21 NKJV

“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ that lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith in the Son of God.” I absolutely love this verse, “who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

It is by grace through faith, that we have been saved. You are not alone. Stay connected to the body of Christ. Honor and submit to your Kingdom authorities. Watch out for rabbit trails. Stay the course, and get on the path of truth. Serve in your communities as the Spirit leads for righteousness sake. You may be the one God chooses to use to help another find their way, and to show them truth, love, or wisdom.

You may be used to set things right, lead others, or grieve with those who grieve, and mourn with those who mourn. But, bring the love and hope. Speak life so as not to despair. Fear God, hear God and just do what He says. Your “yes” can change lives

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and their trajectory in any circumstance. War in prayer, two and three in agreement. Watch. I have called you to throne room worship and to an open Heaven. Live from it. He is here. The angels of the Lord are always with us. They help us and they protect us. I read a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer this week. He said, "Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility." Be responsible. Your witness of the light matters. So, beloved of God, we are going to be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might. Amen.

So, let's honor God. These are His words. All are backed through Scripture. Let's stand and let's honor that.

Lord, you bring to our remembrance the words of your heart. Before the beginning of time, it was written of us, "For you have formed us in our mother's womb," knowing full well who we are, all that we have, all that we would go through, and have been with you forever, Lord. Thank you for your grace, your mercy and your goodness. There are more children that need to come home, Father. We ask that you anoint your Church in this hour with much faith, confirmed with signs and miracles and wonders, that the *lost have to jump in the boat and many would come to God and be saved.*

Let God arise and His enemies be scattered. Be glorified in our midst. Lord bless us. Bless us, indeed. Bless our families. Bless us with strength, courage, good health, divine health, and heal those who are hurting and oppressed. Deliver us from ourselves. Help us to know you and love you. Release fresh hunger and thirst for your word and righteousness Lord, without condemnation, but life and life abundantly, Lord. In Jesus' name, amen. Amen.