



2020 Theme: Delighting in Worship
Psalm 100:3-5

An Important Redefinition 2/16/20

You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your gentleness has made me great. You enlarged my path under me; So my feet did not slip.
2 Samuel 22:36,37

Judged by any worthy standard, King David was a great man. But the best part of his greatness was something nobler and stronger than we might expect. David's understanding of both his strength and its source is reflected in this honest prayer to God: "Your gentleness has made me great."

Our world needs a redefinition of greatness. Despite what many people think, power and authority alone do not constitute greatness. Nor do talent, skill, and accomplishment. More is involved, obviously, than wealth, worldly recognition, and fame. These things may often coincide with greatness, but they themselves do not define a person as great. All such things are to human greatness what clothing is to human beauty.

We don't have to know much about David to recognize he possessed some attributes that went much deeper. One of these was the patient, compassionate use of the power at his disposal. Not many "great" men would have spared the life of Saul, as David did when he could have easily done away with his worst enemy. Where did David learn what he knew about true greatness? The simple, magnificent truth is that David had learned to treat others as God had treated him: "Your gentleness has made me great."

We can't seek God rightly if we're seeking wrong things for ourselves. If our intentions are based on brute-force concepts of human greatness, we're on a path that leads away from God. Now and then we need to redefine our personal concept of what greatness is and where it comes from. It is nothing less powerful than God's gentleness that can make us great. And when it has done so, our own gentleness will be the strongest part of our strength.

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Family News and Notes

Prayer Requests

- Jim and Vicki's granddaughter, Lindsay - pregnancy difficulties
- Gary and Lisa - in quarantine from Lisa's recent trip to China
- Melanie's mother, Barbara - health issues
- Nate's father, Dan - recovering in nursing home from a recent fall
- Cynthia's friend, Bertha - recent passing of her mother
- Westin's co-worker - recent passing of his son
- Kirk Johnson - torn rotator cuff amongst other pressing health issues
- Kenny requested prayers for Carl Garner
- Barbara Garrison (former member) - needs encouragement
- DeWayne and Michelle's dad, Dick - pray for continued recovery
- Justin Carpenter - diagnosed with ALS, awaiting surgery for shoulder
- Aaron's grandmother, Anita - struggling with COPD
- Sandra - continue praying for her and daughter's health issues
- Sarah Hadders' mom, Sherry – health issues
- Remember those who are battling cancer
 - Lora Watson - completed treatment, back in Grand Junction
 - Maggie Tope's teacher, Donna Smith
 - Mother in law of the Dew's daughter, Tracey Stall
 - Robert Bender's stepfather
 - DeWayne's friend, Jody - undergoing 1 year of treatment
 - Laura Gillett, wife of Jonathan's co-worker
- Continue to remember those suffering chronic conditions:
 - Dale Szymanski – blood pressure issues
 - Judy Sartin – RA
 - Cheryl Reames – fibromyalgia
- Homebound – Kirk Johnson and Virginia Menard

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