

12—Greater Things

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INTRO:

I. → **John 14:7-15**

7 If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” 8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

→ 9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?

→ The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

→ 12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

→ 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. 15 “If you love me, keep my commands.”

BODY:

I. **Speaking the Words**

Grk (*rhémata*) utterances, sayings, instructions

A. The words God gave us to speak are not our own.

1) Heb (*dabar*) word, message, prophecy

2) **Deuteronomy 30:14**

No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

3) “Word of God” is almost never referring to a text

4) **DAD BEING LED OF THE LORD**

B. It is not the Word of God until it comes out of our mouths.

1) **Acts 4:31**

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.

2) **SPEAKING TO A FAMILY BEFORE THE FUNERAL**

II. Doing the Works

Grk (*érga*) works, deeds, actions

A. It takes all of us to show the world the Father's love.

1) **Romans 12:5-6**

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

2) **RALPH WINTER—THE BIBLE STORIES ARE DARK**

People connect because they are about human emotion

B. His heart is demonstrated by simple acts of kindness.

1) **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2) Grk (*poíema*) handiwork, work of art

3) **GIVING OUT THE LOVE BASKETS**

4) **MOSES AND THE 15 COMMANDMENTS**

III. Keeping the Commands

Grk (*entolás*) command, commission, purpose, towards a goal

A. No law can end hatred and violence among us.

1) **Leviticus 19:18**

"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

2) **ROE V. WADE, MEASURE 114**

B. There is no greater command than to love one another.

1) **John 13:34-35**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

2) **MAGGIE COMING HOME WITH TWO SACKS**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Luke 12:11-12

"Do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Ephesians 2:14

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.