

## **SERMON SERIES:** The GOAT- Greatest Of All Time

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### **Sermon Title**

“Jesus is Greater”

### **Introduction**

This week we finished our series “The GOAT” – The Greatest Of All Time, taking a look through the book of Hebrews and seeing that every aspect of Jesus is the Greatest of All Time. Who He is, what He said, and how He loves, He is the GOAT. This week, we learned that with everything the world has to offer to make our lives better, Jesus is Greater. All of our hopes and dreams, the things that we try to do to improve pales in comparison to the faith we have in Jesus– The Greatest Of All Time. To get started this week, answer this icebreaker question with your group:

- What was your favorite childhood snack or treat? Does it still hold up today as an adult?

### **Seek the Word**

- Read Hebrews 11:1-12 aloud, then discuss.
  - How does this definition of faith challenge or affirm your current understanding of faith? Why do you think that the author of Hebrews guided our attention to Old Testament stories of faith?
- Read Hebrews 11:13 aloud, then discuss.
  - What does it mean for the “ancients” to have seen and welcomed God’s promises from a distance? What is the difference between the faith of the ancients and ours today?
- Read Hebrews 12:1-3 aloud, then discuss.
  - The author talks about running with endurance and fixing our eyes on Jesus. What does this imagery bring to mind when it comes to your faith journey? How well have you been running this race so far?

### **Go Deeper**

Consider a time when you felt like giving up on your faith journey. What were the circumstances, and how did you navigate through that period? What role did hope and faith play in that journey and process?

## Talk About It

- What comes to mind when you hear the phrase “faith gives us perspective”? How can you cultivate a perspective that sees the world as God intends it to be, rather than how it currently is?
- Share a personal story or a story you have heard from someone else that exemplifies living by faith. What did you learn from that and how did it impact your own faith journey?
- What are some things that you feel are missing from your life that are stopping you from running the race with perseverance? Do you need something true to fix your eyes on, do you have some wrong priorities that are slowing you down, or are you surrounded by those who strive for their own gain and not a great cloud of witnesses helping each other in community?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Throughout this whole series, we have focused on one simple thing... Jesus is the **Greatest Of All Time**. He is the *greatest* promise keeper, the *greatest* hope, the *greatest* love, the *greatest* one for us to put our faith in. We live in a world that is constantly trying to pull our attention to fleeting and false things. We battle against things that slow us down, cause us to drift and lose hope, and put our faith in something other than God. But we find hope in the simple reminder that Jesus Christ, the Son of God and our Lord and Savior, is the **Greatest of All Time**.

*Challenge:* Just because a sermon series ends, does not mean that the truths we learn should leave us. As we continue forward and grow in faith and knowledge through other study, it can be easy to forget the importance of Jesus being the G.O.A.T. As you prepare to enter into this week and the weeks ahead, identify one or two areas in your life that could cause you to forget this truth. Commit to praying daily for strength and perspective in those areas, and ask God to continually show you reminders of the greatness of who He is.

*Prayer:* Close your group time together by praying for each other’s faith journeys. Ask God to help each person fix their eyes on Jesus, to build endurance, and to live with the hope and perspective that He is fulfilling His promises. Pray for any specific challenges or trials that group members are facing, asking for God’s guidance and strength.