

Living for More: Why You Were Made for Greater Things Than You're Settling For

It's easy to drift through life just hoping to get by. But what if you were created for something far greater than your current circumstances? This is the heart of what Ephesians chapter 1 speaks to, and it's a question worth sitting with: are you living for more, or have you been settling for less?

Who Made You Matters More Than You Think

If you believe you were made for more, the first question you have to answer is: who made you? Are you a self-made person, or have you allowed God to mold and shape you into who He's called you to be?

When we forget about God's involvement in our lives, we end up settling. We don't reach everything He has planned for us. As Christians, we are in covenant with a holy God whose plans for our lives are far greater than anything we could imagine on our own.

Religion vs. Relationship: What's the Difference?

Many people have been turned off by religion. Hypocrisy in the church, empty rituals, and going through the motions can make the whole thing feel hollow. But just because other people mess up God for you is no excuse to walk away from Him entirely.

The real shift happens when you stop observing religion from a distance and start seeking God for yourself. Pick up the Bible. Start reading. Before long, God begins speaking into your heart, and what starts as information becomes transformation.

The philosophy of the world says "know thyself." The Christian response is simpler: know God. Get to know Jesus Christ in a personal way, and your life will change.

What Does Ephesians 1 Say About Living for More?

Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:17 sets the tone for this entire conversation:

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him." - Ephesians 1:17

This isn't about book learning. This is about God-given wisdom, defined as skill in the affairs of life, practical wisdom, sound judgment, and good sense. It's the kind of wisdom that comes from walking with God, not just studying about Him.

What Is Revelation Knowledge and Why Does It Matter?

Revelation knowledge is God-inspired information. It's when God speaks to you on the inside and reveals something you didn't already know. He brings that truth home in your heart so you can act on it.

The worst thing you can do is receive direction from God and then ignore it, delay it, or forget about it. When you act on what God tells you, there is success on the other side. That's when you begin stepping into more: more of God, more of what He has for you.

God reveals Himself through His Word. As you keep putting the Word in, something shifts. A light bulb goes on. Suddenly you see it. That's revelation knowledge at work.

What Does It Mean for the Eyes of Your Heart to Be Enlightened?

Paul continues in Ephesians 1:18-19:

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe." - Ephesians 1:18-19

The "eyes of your heart" refers to your spiritual insight, your inner man. God wants to shine light on your situation so you can see clearly what He has for you. He doesn't want to keep secrets. But He tends to reveal Himself not to casual inquirers, but to diligent seekers.

Three Things God Wants You to Know

- The hope of His calling. You have two callings: one as part of the church, called to reach the world for Christ, and one as an individual. God has a specific plan for your life. That calling is already in your heart. You just have to draw it out, like pulling water from a well.
- The riches of His inheritance. You don't earn an inheritance. You receive it. Someone else had to die, and that was Jesus Christ. He died and rose again so that everything He has could be made available to you.
- The surpassing greatness of His power. You may feel like you can't. But God in you says you can. It's the God factor. When you remember that He lives in you, the limitations you've placed on yourself start to fall away.

What Does the Resurrection Have to Do With Your Everyday Life?

Ephesians 1:20-23 brings it all together:

"Which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come." - Ephesians 1:20-21

The resurrection was a pivotal moment in all of history. Jesus humbled Himself, and the Father exalted Him. That's a principle woven throughout Scripture: humble yourself, and God will lift you up. Exalt yourself, and you can be brought low. But when God exalts you, nobody can put you down.

Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father, a position of full authority. Every ruler, every power, every name that exists is in subjection to Him. Satan does not have power over Jesus. Satan does not have power over the church. Satan does not have power over Christians, because Jesus rose, and He reigns.

Does Jesus Rule and Reign in Your Heart?

All of this points to one central question. Jesus is coming again. He will rule and reign over all the earth. Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord. That day is coming.

But the first step isn't waiting for that day. The first step is asking whether Jesus rules and reigns in your heart right now. The word "Lord" means master, ruler, and reigner. It's not just acknowledging that Jesus is a Savior. It's surrendering control of your life to Him.

When that happens, everything changes. You stop settling. You start stepping into the more that God has always had waiting for you.

Life Application

This week, take one concrete step toward seeking God more intentionally. That might mean opening your Bible and reading a passage slowly, sitting quietly with it, and asking God to reveal something to you through it. It might mean saying yes to something at church you've been putting off. It might mean simply praying with honesty: "God, I want to know You, not just know about You."

The point is to move from casual observer to diligent seeker. God reveals Himself to those who genuinely pursue Him.

Ask yourself these questions as you go into the week:

- Am I truly seeking God, or am I just going through the motions of faith?
- Is there something God has been prompting me to do that I've been delaying or ignoring?
- In what areas of my life am I settling for less instead of trusting God for more?
- Does Jesus truly rule and reign in my heart, or am I still holding on to control?

You were made for more. The question is whether you're willing to seek the One who made you that way.