**Notes**

**Questions**

1. What habits helped / hindered my walk with God in 2018?
2. What can I do about them?
3. What am I fearful of in 2019?
4. How can God help me in this area?

****December 30th. 2018**



**From Surviving to Thriving**

***“God’s Guide to Greatness”***

Welcome

The first Sunday of the Rest (Best) of your life

2018

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***Matthew 20:25-27***

*25But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26Yet it shall not be so among you;*

*but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave (servant / minister)*

* *Jesus does not rebuke them for wanting to walk in greatness.*

*“desires to be great (or first)”*

* *Greatness: using what God has given you to advance others.*

*“let him be your servant”*

**Survival: you mostly need**

Water / Food / Shelter / Protection

**But then to *thrive* is there some ‘secret sauce’?**

**Water** - *of the Holy Spirit*

**Food** - *of the Word of God (bread of life)*

**Shelter** - *of God’s house (place where He dwells - presence)*

**Protection** - *(weapons of our warfare)*

***And***

**Purpose** – the reason why you were born

**Jesus was taking them from surviving to thriving**

**Ephesians 2:8-10**

Dead in trespass and sin – minus

Alive in Christ - plus

Like Jesus, we too need to grow to where we need to go

**Luke 2:52**

**2 Peter 1:2-4**

Moses & Joshua – from minus to plus

**‘Small changes’ can precipitate greatness**

**Zechariah 4:10**

*For who has despised the day of small things?*

Martin Luther protest against corruption

**Final take Away & Communion**

Jesus’ obedience (greatness) in going to the cross

opened the way for a huge outpouring of God’s favor (greatness) upon Him & us!

**Philippians 2:5-9**