

## DEEPER LIFE BIBLE CHURCH NL | SUNDAY SERMON | 15 JUN 2025

### RELEASING GOD'S POWER FOR YOUR GREATNESS

#### ***Bible Reading: Philippians 3:1-21***

Last Sunday, we learnt that God has given us all things: His revelation, the mysteries of His Kingdom, an open cheque for answered prayers, all that we need to enjoy life and be godly, etc. We also learnt the need for growth so we can reach His design for us. Today, we will focus on this growth aspect and how to realise it practically through the release of God's power into our lives. God's greatness will be yours in Jesus' name!

#### **GOD'S PATTERN FOR YOUR GROWTH IN HIS GRACE**

Growth is a process. It requires investment of time and effort. That is where only **YOU** make the difference. Effective growth is systematic. You need to know what God expects from you, the steps you must take and how you can make God's resources work for you. How does this work?

- Faith in Christ the important foundation; it should not be substituted or altered (1 Cor 3:11). Having received Jesus as Lord, all other blessings of God are easy and guaranteed through Him (Mat 6:33). It is from the foundation of faith that your growth can flourish and remain stable.
- Jesus is our Pattern or Model (Rom 8:29; Eph 4:11-16). The will of God is for you to be conformed to His image. The essence of growth is to become more and more like Jesus. The more of Jesus you have, the more powerful your life will be. You will operate at increasingly higher levels.
- We all begin as spiritual infants. With the foundation of faith well laid, you can safely build through the help of tutors (Gal 4:1,2). How diligently you build will determine your level (1 Cor 3:12-15).
- Growing spiritually requires patience just like building a house (Mark 4:28; Luke 8:15). There must be constant progression until you attain Christ's full stature (Eph 1:15-19; 3:14-19).
- God's ultimate for your growth is not for the earth; there is glory beyond the grave (Heb 2:5-8; 1 John 3:1-3). He wants to fashion you to become fitted for heaven. There, His glory awaits you.

#### **GOD'S POWER FOR YOUR GREATNESS TO HIS GLORY**

Having understood and received God's pattern for your growth, you need His power to reach that pattern – His best for you. How do you receive and exercise God's power to grow and become great?

- Develop consuming desire (2 Sam 23:13-15; Pro 30:15,16): Passion fuels change. Desire makes a difference. It will make you to separate from any environment that will not help you. It creates focus.
- Remove hindrances to progress (1 Cor 3:1-4; Heb 5:11-14; 12:1-3; 1 Pet 2:1-3). There is a kind of lifestyle that will not help you. The bible talks about sins and weights. These will pull you down. The flesh wants to be pampered; therefore, you must deny it. Kill the deeds of the body by the Spirit.
- Make up your mind. Set your face on higher, honourable, eternal things, things of value, of service, of glory (Col 3:1,2). You must make choices. You cannot expect to fly while your focus is earth-bound.
- Maximise all God's resources for your growth (1 Cor 3:21-23; Eph 4:11-16). Do not pick and choose. Ministries are available in the Church for your growth; settle yourself in God's house. Learn. Yield.
- Persevere in prayer (Luke 7:7-11; 18:1,8). God can make you all He wants you to be. There are no limitations with Him. Turn into prayer those things that look like mountains on your way. Praying believers never get stuck. Do not faint if answers delay; keep the fire up till answers come!
- Put your faith to confession and action (Mark 9:23; 11:24). Faith and prayer strengthen each other. No matter what your feeling says or how high the mountain may be, keep on confessing God's word.
- Make obedience to God your priority (Pro 28:9; Mat 6:33; 1 John 3:22). How you respond to what you hear or learn matters. Cultivate a lifestyle of "Yes, Lord!" Exercise yourself in godliness (1 Tim 4:7,8). It is by doing God's will repeatedly that greatness comes!

**"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" – John 13:17**