We Can Do Something Great for God

(Part 1)

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1. We are battling with two lies:

- a.) If God would meet all of my needs first, then I could fully serve Him.
- b.) If my environment could be changed first, then I could fully serve God.
- c.) In the eternal realm, a spirit being turned away from God.
- d.) In the physical realm, human beings turned away from God.

2. Example of Three-Mile Island

- a.) Our target/ goals can appear to be simple to reach.
- b.) The path can be much more difficult than we expected.

3. A Mindset Change is necessary regarding:

- a.) The purpose of a church, pastor, ministry and God (or a higher power) to help us reach our goals.
- b.) Understanding that it's about more than God empowering us to reach our goals.
- c.) Understanding that it's about US surrendering our lives to God so that we can reach the goals that HE HAS FOR US.
- d.) There is a difference between OUR goals and GOD's goals for us.

4. The example of Joseph

- a.) The dreams were not Joseph's dreams.
- b.) The dreams were GOD's dreams for Joseph.

5. There is a difference between dreams and fantasies.

- a.) Dream goals, images, pictures, and vision that God has given us
- b.) Fantasies goals, images, pictures and vision that come from our own imaginations or from the enemies of our souls.
- c.) Most people are chasing fantasy

6. Doing Something Great for God in Perilous Times (1 Timothy 3:1-14)

- 7. Continue in the things you have learned and are assured of (what the Holy Spirit has taught you.)8. Knowing from whom you have learned:
 - a.) You should be able to observe and follow the LIFE of spiritual leadersb.) You should be able to DO what they DO and not just DO what they SAY.
 - 9. Longsuffering: However long it takes to see the promise of God, I will continue to trust God.
- **10.** Long suffering is not just suffering for a long time. It's not just tolerating a situation or a person.