

## You Too Can Be Great

### Real People (part 9)

John pointed him out ...  
"This is the One!"

John 1:15 NLT



### Secrets to Greatness

2 **John was in prison.** When he heard what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to him. 3 They asked Jesus, "Are you the one who was supposed to come? Or should we look for someone else?"

4 Jesus replied, "Go back to John. Report to him what you hear and see. 5 Blind people receive sight. Disabled people walk. Those who have skin diseases are healed. Deaf people hear. Those who are dead are raised to life. And the good news is preached to those who are poor. 6 **Blessed are those who do not give up their faith because of me.**"

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John. He said, "What did you go out into the desert to see? Tall grass waving in the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No. People who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 He is the one written about in Scripture. It says, 'I will send my messenger ahead of you. He will prepare your way for you.'—(Malachi 3:1)

11 "What I'm about to tell you is true. **No one more important** than John the Baptist has ever been born. But the least important person in the kingdom of heaven is more important than he is." Matthew 11:1-11 NIV

### ❖ Increase \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus must become more important, while **I become less important.** John 3:30 CEV

God opposes the proud but **favors** the humble. 1 Peter 5:5 NLT

### ❖ Point \_\_\_\_\_

John spoke about him and shouted, "**This is the one** I told you would come! He is greater than I am, because he was alive before I was born." John 1:15 CEV

John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who **takes away the sin of the world!**" John 1:29 NLT

I didn't know who he was. But the one who sent me to baptize with water had told me, "You will see the Spirit come down and stay on someone. Then you will know that he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." 34 I saw this happen, and I tell you that **he is the Son of God.** John 1:33-34 CEV

Many people noticed the signs he was displaying and, seeing they **pointed straight to God**, entrusted their lives to him. John 2:23 Msg

### ❖ Show \_\_\_\_\_

**In the end**, people appreciate honest criticism far more than flattery.

Proverbs 28:23 NLT

### ❖ Hold \_\_\_\_\_

Every day I call to you, my God, but you do not answer. Every night you hear my voice, but I find no relief. **Yet you are holy**, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Psalms 22:2-3 NLT

"Point him out to me, sir, so that I can believe in him."

John 9:36 Msg