# God is Greater Than...

"God is Greater Than My Circumstances: Selected Scriptures October 23, 26-27, 2013: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Psalm 90:2 (NLT & ESV), Genesis 1:26

There are no words to adequately capture the totality of God's <u>nature</u> and character. He is more awesome than you or I could ever imagine.

The one thing about God that I don't think I'll ever be able to fully understand: Why He is so interested in me?

Psalm 147:5 (NLT)

## I. God Knows My Circumstances.

The Bible teaches that God is omniscient, He has perfect knowledge of all things. Isaiah 55:9 (ESV)

On your best day, your thoughts fall very short of the wisdom of God. Psalm 56:8 (NLT)

## II. God Is Present in My Circumstances.

We say God is omnipresent because He is universally present at all times. Jeremiah 23:23-24 (NLT)

God permeates His creation with His own presence. Psalm 139:7-11

We never have to settle for part of God's attention. He is fully present with us all the time.

There are many implications of God's omnipresence. One of the most comforting is that God is <u>with you</u> in your circumstances...right now.

## III. God Can Empower My Circumstances.

The Bible teaches that God is omnipotent. He has all the power necessary to meet any challenge.

Jeremiah 32:17 (NLT)

There is a Biblical principle that governs the access of God's power when you need it most: The "power <u>along the way"</u> principle.

To access God's power, your faith in God must be stronger than your resistance to obeying God.

God's power will only be applied "along the way" as you trust Him and move in the direction of obedience.

# Any Circumstance Can Be Overcome If You Will:

- <u>Confess</u> it to God...name it for what it is.
- Admit you are powerless and need <u>help</u>.
- Tell somebody who can help you!

Philippians 2:13 (Phillips Translation), 1 John 3:20 (ESV), John 10:27-29, Psalm 135:5, 1 John 4:4, Job 33:12 (NLT), Isaiah 29:16 (NLT), Mark 1:7 (NLT), John 3:31 (NLT), Hebrews 1:4 (NLT)

Our God is simply GREATER THAN anything. And that great God loves you!

# **Five for the Drive**

A family conversation starter for the ride home

- 1. How have you seen others respond to circumstances they don't understand?
- 2. What makes it challenging to place your trust in God during difficult circumstances?
- 3. Has God ever surprised you with a creative alternative to an impossible circumstance?
- 4. What is one way you can demonstrate that God is greater than any circumstance in your life?
- 5. Concerning what particular circumstance will you pray for God's perspective?

# **Ministry Opportunities**

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

# Faith and the Ethics of War Workshop

3 - 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27

# **Worship Center**

Soldiers who follow Christ face conflicting calls to kill, to protect those who are vulnerable and to forgive.

Join Cam Huxford for an encouraging, interactive look at how The Bible speaks to warriors. Find peace and resolution in the lives and writings of great warriors from Scripture. Registration is required for childcare but not for the workshop. For childcare, please register at Connecting Pointe or email Melody at mpullin@savannahchristian.com by Monday, Oct. 21.

# Massing of the Colors

4 - 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3

#### **Worship Center, East Campus**

This ceremony filled with pageantry and patriotism reaffirms our faith in and support of the colors of the United States. Join active duty, reserve and retired servicemen and women as they honor America's triumphant heritage with a moving reminder of sacrifice and service. A reception will follow the ceremony.

## **Global Gathering**

1 - 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10

## The Link across the lake

Do you have a heart for what God is doing through our church in Savannah and across the world? Join us for food, fun and fellowship at this special Global Gathering as we hear some of our local and global partners speak about their ministries in Savannah, India, Zimbabwe and Ukraine. Families are welcome. Lunch is provided. No registration needed.

#### **Blitz Retreat to West Palm Beach**

7 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 - 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17

## West Palm Beach, FL

Middle school students are invited to join us on this special weekend retreat. We will attend a Toby Mac concert, spend time at West Palm Beach and worship with a local church. This is a great opportunity to build relationships with other Blitz students and worship Jesus together. The trip costs \$149. Get your ticket online at SavannahChristian.com by Friday, Nov. 8.