

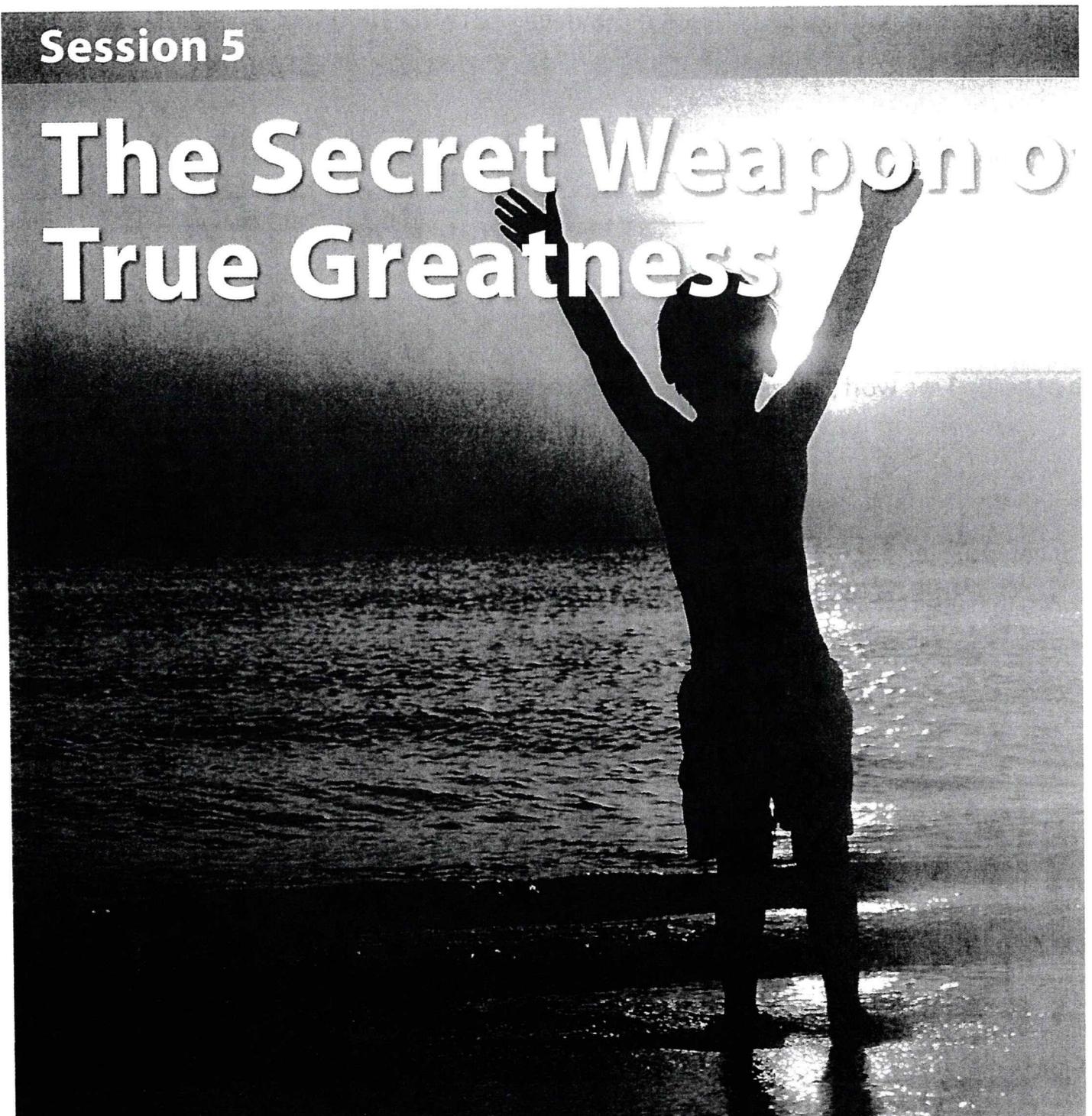
# GRACE BASED parenting<sup>®</sup>

VIDEO SERIES

Aiming Your Child at True Greatness

Session 5

## The Secret Weapon of True Greatness



## Introduction

- Grooming kids for True Greatness means they might have to make their lives vulnerable to people and situations that play fast and loose with their hearts.
- God offers us the key ingredient to developing truly great hearts as well as truly great kids—His grace!
- Grace should be the filter we look through, feel through, and reason through.

### I. Grace is the phenomenal power behind True Greatness.

- A. It motivates us to \_\_\_\_\_ when everything else is encouraging us to run.
- B. It challenges us to reach out and engage problems when selfish logic says we should focus on our own best interests.
- C. It enables us to \_\_\_\_\_ a lifetime of being inconvenienced on behalf of God's glory.

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."*

2 Corinthians 12:9a

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### II. Grace-based greatness embodies four foundational qualities.

**Quality No. 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ ... a reverence for God and a respect for others.

*Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5*

Humble kids:

- Don't play to the crowd (or camera) when they score the winning run or plunge over the goal line for the decisive touchdown.
- Don't brag about their possessions or the privileges that accompany their parents' success.

**Quality No. 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ ... an appreciation for what you have been given and Who has given it.

*I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:11-13*

Grateful kids:

- Don't whine about what they do or do not have.
- Verbally express their appreciation to the people who sacrifice to help them (teachers, coaches, food servers, Sunday school teachers, youth workers, etc.).

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**Quality No. 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ ... a great delight in sharing with others what God has entrusted to you.

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38*

Generous kids:

- View everything they have as belonging to God.
- Offer the biggest piece of pie or the last brownie to someone else.

**Quality No. 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ ... a willingness to take action in order to help someone else.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:3-4*

Servant-hearted kids:

- Realize that serving others isn't always personally appreciated or publicly recognized, and don't take it personally.
- Don't expect to be waited on at home and assume responsibility for their lives as well as the people around them.

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### III. Grace-based parents are in the best position to build these four qualities into their children's hearts by:

- Being consistent \_\_\_\_\_ of humility, gratefulness, generosity, and a servant's heart.
- Making humility, gratefulness, generosity, and a servant's heart the \_\_\_\_\_ of our homes rather than the exception.
- Providing opportunities for our children to \_\_\_\_\_ these four qualities within the context of the various dimensions of their lives.
- Valuing and praising our children's \_\_\_\_\_ to make these qualities standard features of their lives.

### Conclusion

- When we instill the qualities of humility, gratefulness, generosity, and a servant's attitude into our children we set them up to live a life that makes an eternal difference.
- The best way to transfer these qualities into our children's hearts is for us as parents to become the "gold standard" of True Greatness.



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3. How has God's grace enabled you to be less selfish and more others-oriented? What about in your parenting? We all default to selfishness, but can you share about a time when you allowed yourself to be inconvenienced or used for God's glory?

4. Has anyone ever taken advantage of your kids' good nature or rejected their kindness? How did you help them handle the hurt and disappointment?

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### Taking It Deeper

1. What if you were able to set the level of God's blessing in your life by how much you bless others? According to this passage in Luke, the more you bless others, the more you are blessed. It is simple math. How have you seen this cause/effect work in your life and in your home? What keeps us from following this simple formula for blessings in our lives? What are you going to do to raise the bottom line of blessing as you live for True Greatness?

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2. Tim is very emphatic about the role that serving others has in our own personal happiness as well as our ability to raise truly great kids. Look at the Scripture passage in Philippians 2 to see the example that Christ set for us. How does Christ's example inspire you as you strive to live your life for others, including your family? What are some of the rewards that God has let you enjoy as you serve others?

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others*

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:*

*Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:3-11*



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3. How has this session challenged and/or confirmed your perceptions and assumptions about parenting?

4. As you commit to raising your children for True Greatness, what is one thing you are going to put into practice this week that you learned in this session?

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### **Bonus Section for Single Parents, Blended Families, and Other Unique Family Configurations**

1. Am I doing what I can to remove residue from the past that is distracting me from carrying out the principles of this session? If there is more I can do, what am I going to do about this?
2. When it comes to applying the principles of this session, how am I going to deal with the additional stress on my family that is caused by:
  - Added Fatigue
  - Financial Pressure
  - Guilt
  - Unresolved Anger
  - Regret
  - The Reactions of My Children
3. Regarding this session, who can I count on to come alongside of me with encouragement and assistance? How am I going to communicate my needs?

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### Prayer:

*Oh Lord, I want to be a worthy example of True Greatness to my children. Please convict me when I model anything but humility, gratefulness, generosity and a servant's spirit to them. Thank you that Jesus is the perfect example of True Greatness for all of us. Amen*

### Prayer Requests:

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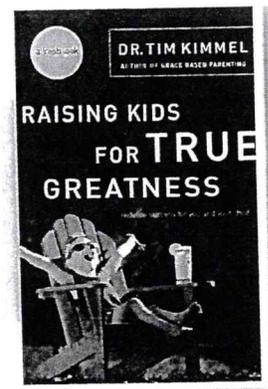
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We encourage you to read **Chapter 6** of Tim's book, *Raising Kids for True Greatness*, in order to get the most out of the upcoming session – **Living Large by Thinking Big.**



### Stay Connected:

For a more thorough look into the heart of True Greatness, go to **GraceBasedParenting.com** and click **For Participants** to check out the article, *Say "Hello" to True Greatness* in session 5.