

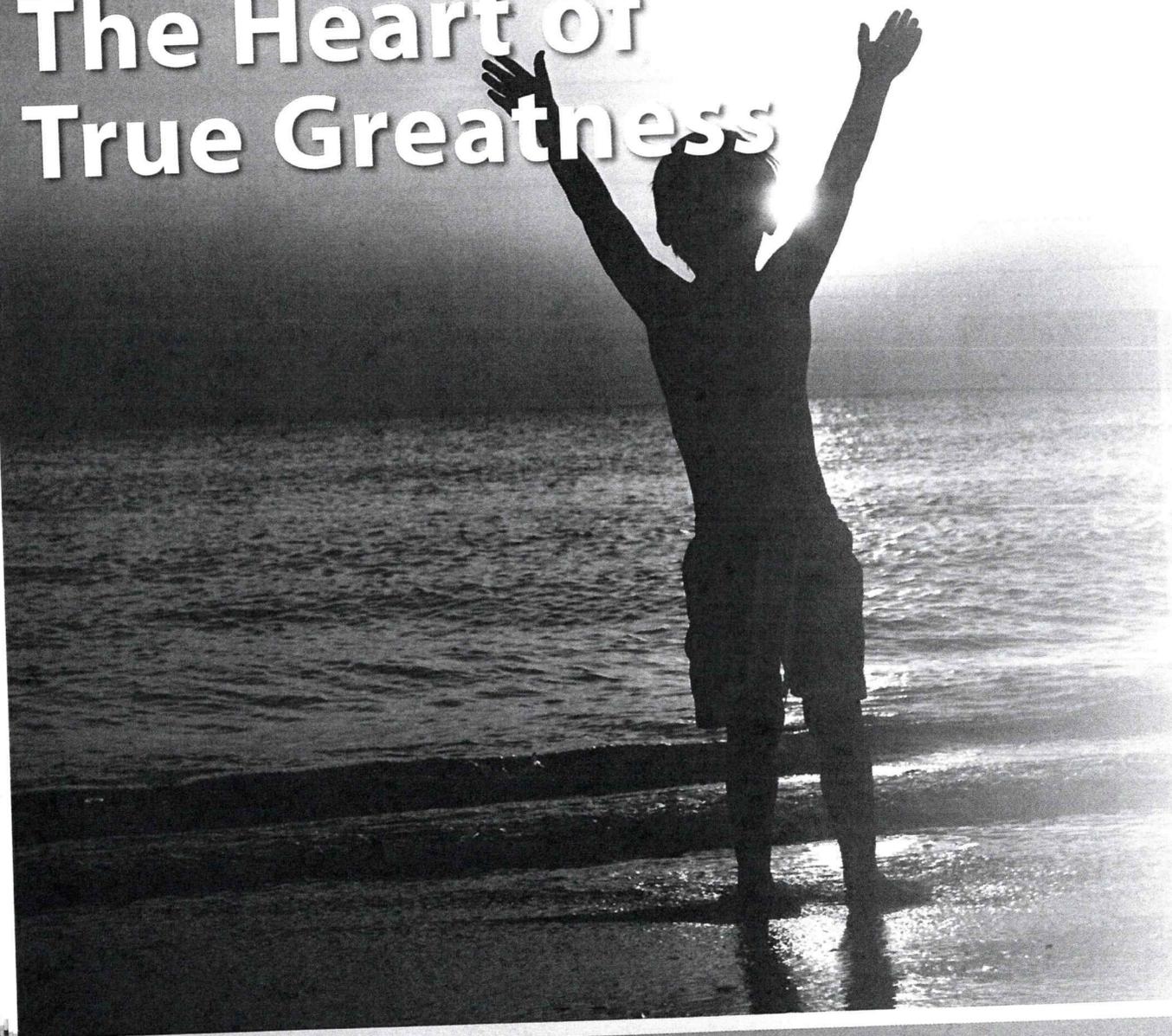
# GRACE BASED parenting<sup>®</sup>

VIDEO SERIES

Aiming Your Child at True Greatness

Session 2

## The Heart of True Greatness



## Introduction

- When we over-prioritize a good education and our children's financial future, it causes us to focus on their skills, accomplishments, and placement within their peer groups.
- It's very easy to become preoccupied with what's going on inside our children's head at the expense of what is happening within their hearts.

### I. **God has bigger and better things planned for our kids than the human paths to success have to offer.**

A. Jesus weighs man's view of success in the balance and finds it \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matthew 20:25-28*

B. According to Jesus, true value and significance is found in \_\_\_\_\_ others.

## II. We need to parent our children with a much greater and eternal purpose in mind than simply what this life has to offer them.

A. Aiming our children at man's view of success has three major

\_\_\_\_\_.

- First, it often brings the worst out of both parents and children.
- Second, it distracts our children from having the significant impact God intended for them to have.
- Third, it undermines the kind of reward that God intended for them to enjoy ... in heaven.

B. True Greatness positions our children to answer the most compelling \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

- How they answer these questions has everything to do with how much they'll enjoy their lives here on earth.
- How they answer these questions will determine their ability to leave a powerful and lasting legacy for the generations to come.

**III. Successful people may enjoy center stage status in our culture, but when our backs are against the wall, it is the truly great people who consistently come to the rescue.**

- A. God can use obscure and anonymous parents to \_\_\_\_\_ the world in truly significant ways.
- B. Parents are the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ in how children define their calling in life.

**Conclusion**

- God gives all of us a chance to build extraordinary, noble values into our children.
- When we do, we send kids into the future to make a huge difference in the world.



3. Do you think the parents of Moses or John the Baptist had any idea what they were training their children for? If they had focused them on the trappings of success, how do you think history might have changed? What does this mean to you in regard to your own children?

4. Can you think of a time someone did something kind, thoughtful or helpful for you? How did it make you feel about them and yourself? Have you ever observed your children changing their attitude or actions as a result of someone serving them?