1 – **Great Things**

1 Samuel 12:19-24; Luke 8:26-39

2 - **Israel Demands A King**

* Samuel reminds them **they still must follow God**. (1 Samuel 12:19-20)
* Samuel promised he would **continue to pray for them**. (vs. 23)
* Finally, ***“fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart”***. (vs. 24)

3 - **The Call For Fear & Wholehearted Service**

*“For* ***consider what great things He has done for you****.”* (**1 Samuel 12:24**)

When we consider **the mercy of God** and the **“riches”** He has blessed us with, should we not consider wholehearted **sacrifices and service *“reasonable”*** or **“rational”**? (Romans 12:1-2)

4 - **Begging For the Favor To Follow Jesus**

**Luke 8:26-39** - a demon possessed man healed by Jesus, who begged that he might accompany Him.

Jesus instructed him to *“return to your house and* ***describe what great things Jesus had done for him****.”*

*“So he went away,* ***proclaiming******throughout the whole city******what great things Jesus had done for him****.”* (vs. 39)

5 - **We Must Tell!**

Four lepers in **2 Kings 7** understood that being **blessed with *“great things”*** carries a great responsibility to tell others.

*“We are not doing right.* ***This day is a day of good news, but we are keeping silent****; if we wait until morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come, let us go and tell the king’s household.”* (2 King 7:9)

6 - **Why Don’t We?**

**It should be natural**… if we’ve been **forgiven**, **healed** and **pardoned**. (Acts 4:19-20; 1 Cor. 9:16; Jeremiah 20:9)

Do we see our salvation and God’s blessings as ***“great”***? (Luke 18:9-14)

Can we **articulate the “great things”** to others? Are they **ready** in our **heart** and on our **lips**? (Proverbs 22:18; 1 Peter 3:15)

7 - **A Great Message!**

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* **Everything I need to be complete.** (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
* **Guaranteed to accomplish** what God needs. (Isaiah 55:10-11)
* **Requires my diligence**. (2 Timothy 2:15)

8 - **A Great Love!**

* **To be called a child of God!** (1 John 3:1-3)
* **Extended while yet sinners and enemies**. (Romans 5:6-11; Ephesians 2:3-6)
* **Defined by God** (1 John 4:19) and calling for us to reciprocate. (1 John 4:7-10)
* **Something we choose to do** - not a feeling that comes and goes. (1 John 3:18)

9 - **A Great Deliverance!**

* **We must do our part.** (Genesis 45:7)
* A matter **of life and death**. (Romans 5:12-14; 6:23)
* Jesus delivered **us from sin and death**. (Romans 11:26)
* Jesus ***“rescued us”*** from death and transferred us to His kingdom. (Colossians 1:13-14)

10 - **Our Duty**

* **What shall we render to the Lord?**
(Psalms 116:12; Luke 20:25)
* **Practice and grow!** (Heb. 5:14; 2 Peter 1:5-10)
* **Go tell others… pass it on!** (Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2)
* **Return to worship & reverence God.** (Luke 17:17)
* **Live no longer for self but the will of God**. (1 Peter 4:2)