

A close-up, side-by-side profile of two Black men's faces, looking towards each other. The background is a solid dark red. The text "it's over" is overlaid in white. "it's" is in a smaller, lowercase sans-serif font. "over" is in a much larger, bold, lowercase sans-serif font. The letters "o" and "e" in "over" are hollow white circles. A small white four-pointed star is in the bottom right corner.

it's
over

G.O.A.T.

GREATEST OF ALL TIME





Mark 9:30-37

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³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

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1. Observing Greatness
2. Hijacked Greatness
3. Redemptive Greatness

the dispute over greatness indicates the degree to which the disciples had failed to understand Jesus' solemn affirmation concerning his abandonment to the will of men (Ch. 9:31f.). It also shows how impregnated they were with the temper of their own culture where questions of precedence and rank were constantly arising.

GREATNESS







G R E A T N E S S S

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Every one of us is born with an aspiration for significance. We want our lives to count. We dream of glory, of winning, of reaching the pinnacle of success, of getting to the top, of attaining greatness, of being the best. What Friedrich Nietzsche called “the will to power” beats in the heart of every human being. We want to scale the corporate ladder and become king of the hill. But Jesus said, “If you want to be great, if you aspire to significance, if you want your life to count, if you really want to be first in the kingdom, you must choose to be last.”





Genesis 3

Romans 1:21-23

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.





For 'tis the sport to
have the engineer
hoist with his own
petard.”



Hamlet (Act 3, Scene 4)





My all time low: 4th of July in 2019...I remember looking over at Hayley and telling her, 'Hayley, I feel so empty. I feel hollow.' And it was so confusing to me because I had achieved everything I ever wanted. I had accomplished every goal of mine. There was no better 7 year run I could have had and I felt so empty."

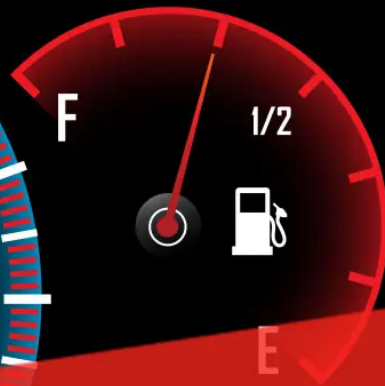
“If my way wasn't working despite it working, then I gotta figure something out. Because this path is not going to yield the life that I thought I wanted”



Ryan Trahan, Ryan3000, My Testimony
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbfsN3kINtc>

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GREATNESS





5:34

Warning Guidance



Charging System Malfunction. Stop vehicle immediately in a safe place.

OK

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Observed

Corrupted

Restored

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Jesus does not set up the child as a model to be imitated, for his culture had no romanticized notions about children. They were not regarded as especially obedient, trusting, simple, innocent, pure, unself-conscious, or humble. The point of comparison is the insignificance of the child on the honor scale. The child had no power, no status, and few rights. A child was dependent, vulnerable...If one wants to be great, one should shower attention on those who are regarded as insignificant, as Jesus himself has done.”

David E. Garland, Mark, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 367.

*“This is the gist of the matter,
to serve, and for burdens.”*



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Gospel Application

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Who in your life can't advance you, and how might you move toward them this week?