

Series: Less is More Title: Greater Than >
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Less of one thing means we can have more of another, a greater thing. In the 21 Days we're desiring the Giver more than his good gifts. *Less food to have more of our Father.* Psalm 63:5

For starters, how is everyone is fasting going? What's hard and what's God doing in you through this?

This week Pastor Bob showed how fasting shaped the life and ministry of John the Baptist and how it can shape ours as well.

1. From Matthew 11:7-11, how is John like and not like other prophets?
2. Read Numbers 6:1-8. What's a Nazarite vow? Who could take it? What would they do and not do and why would they take the vow?
3. Look at Luke 1:13-17. What's exceptional about John being a Nazarite?
4. How would you describe John's appearance coming out of the wilderness from Matthew 3:1-2, & 4? What did his clothing symbolize? If you saw him coming what would your reaction be?
5. Read Matthew 9:14 & 15 and Matthew 11:18 to see that John could not only be called the baptizer, but the faster.
6. As you read John 3:27-30, what is the great attribute of John the Baptist and the great eight words of his life?
7. How can fasting get off track?
8. How did the bucket illustration picture fasting? Did any item speak to you?
9. What else stood out to you from John's life or Bob's message?

As a united church, let's take THURSDAY, January 21, 2021 to have a united fast for the United States. Not sure what to pray? Use Ephesians 1:21 that Jesus, "is far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come."