

**SERIES:** *Go In Love, Be A Light*  
**TITLE:** *The Greater One*  
**SCRIPTURE:** *1 John 1:5-9*  
**SPEAKER:** *Pastor Bob Marvel*  
**DATES:** *March 19-20, 2022*

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**MESSAGE TAKEAWAYS:**

- “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.” Colossians 3:2
  - Don’t live below your reality.
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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- Read 1 John 4:4 and Colossians 3:2.
  - We live in a culture where positive thinking and self-help books overwhelm our bookshelves and social media feeds. Why does positive thinking fail us?
  - In first John, the Christians at the time were facing horrific, violent, and deadly persecution. John tells his readers that even in the midst of the darkness, the reality is that God is bigger and He is in us and with us through it all (1 John 4:4, 2 Kings 6:16, 1 John 5:4). Do you have any situations currently in your life where you have had to look beyond the situation and expand your reality?
  - Is it easy for you to forget that God has overcome the world in the midst of your suffering?
  - At the end of his sermon, Bob shared a passage from Jude 24-45. What would it look like if you started your day off reading, praying about, or meditating on these verses? Rather than relying on your own strength?
  - How can we, as a group, help expand your reality in a situation you are struggling with?
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**NEXT STEPS:**

- Right now, we have an “exciting problem” at Cornwall Church. We have a waiting list of people wanting to find and build community through a Small Group (*that’s exciting*). However, nearly all our Small Groups are full and we currently don’t have any new leaders to launch new groups (*the problem*). If you know of someone who might be a potential group leader (in our church or even in *your* Small Group, etc), would you e-mail me: [bryonm@cornwallchurch.com](mailto:bryonm@cornwallchurch.com)