



## Family Strong Study: Greatness Awaits

### Main Scriptures:

📖 *1 John 4*

📖 *Matthew 8*

### Opening Thought:

Every family has a destiny.

But too often, we forget that greatness doesn't begin with *doing*, it begins with *belonging*—knowing who we are in God and who we are to one another.

We don't have to chase greatness. God already planted it in us—and in our kids.

This study is about discovering what that greatness looks like at home.

### FAMILY BIG IDEA:

Your family was created for greatness—not performance-based greatness, but identity-based greatness.

God has placed His image in each of you. That means your home can reflect His love, peace, strength, and purpose.

### Discussion Starter:

? *What's one thing you think makes our family special or different?*

? *What's a phrase or saying you hear in our home often? Does it shape how you think or act?*

### Key Truths:

## **You are One of a Kind**

Your family isn't random. You're not just a group of people sharing a house. You're *called together* by God, each with unique gifts that work together for something bigger. (*Psalm 139:13-14, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27*)

## **You Were Made in God's Image**

This isn't just a statement—it's a starting point. You carry the DNA of the Creator. That means your words, your choices, your rhythms as a family *can carry the power of God* if you let Him lead.

## **Jesus Calms Chaos**

In *Matthew 8*, Jesus calmed a literal storm—but He also calms the storms in our homes: anxiety, anger, busyness, disconnection.

Ask as a family: *What kind of "storm" do we need Jesus to calm right now?*

## **Perfect Love Casts Out Fear**

In *1 John 4*, we're reminded that fear doesn't have to lead our family culture. God's love is the foundation for how we speak, discipline, encourage, and forgive.

## **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

### **Create a Family Declaration**

Ask each family member to finish this sentence:

"In this family, we \_\_\_\_\_."

Write them down. Choose one or two that reflect your family's identity in Christ and turn them into a declaration you say together each week. Example:

"In this family, we forgive quickly. We love deeply. We trust God even when it's hard."

### **Family Prayer Prompt:**

"God, thank You for creating our family on purpose. Help us live with love, purpose, and peace. Remind us that greatness isn't something we have to prove—it's something You've already placed inside us. Help us reflect You in our home. Amen."

## **Optional: Reflection Questions for Parents**

1. What values are we unintentionally modeling to our children?

2. Where might fear, busyness, or distraction be shaping our family more than love?
3. How can we help our children recognize the greatness God has placed inside of them?