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## Laura Langley says

In his book *Greater*, pastor and author Steven Furtick encourages readers to pursue "greater" instead of good enough or greatness. He says, "Greater = the life-altering understanding that God is ready to accomplish a kind of greatness in your life that is entirely out of human reach."

Taking lessons from the prophet Elisha and weaving them together with scriptures and modern-day stories of faith, Furtick shows how God is present in the ordinariness of life and how readers must choose to break away from the old and embrace the new. He also encourages readers to:

get their hands dirty because faith is work;

to see their limitations as God's greatest opportunities; and

Furtick ends *Greater* with prayers over the readers, in a sort of "passing the mantle" just as Elijah passed the mantle to Elisha. Furtick encourages readers to take up the mantle and live a life that is not good enough or full of greatness, but a life that is greater.

As is normal, Furtick fills his book with Tweetable quotes. His story-telling abilities and down-to-earth, every-day way of putting things draw readers in to Elisha's story, meeting readers where they are and helping them move on to "greater."

This book is an easy read, but it's not necessarily easy to put the principles into practice. They are challenging in that the reader has to let go of pride and selfishness in order to take up the mantle and live a life that is greater--to embrace what God wants to do in and through them.

I like the suggested "Tweets" listed below each chapter title in the table of contents. They whet the reader's appetite, and then when the reader happens upon them in the text, they likely find themselves highlighting those very quotes. But in context, those quotes mean so much more. Additionally, there are discussion questions at the end for groups, though individuals would still benefit from them. The questions lead readers to process what they've read, to internalize it, to apply God's Word to life.

### About the Author

Steven Furtick is the best-selling author of *Crash the Chatterbox* and *Sun Stand Still*. He is the founder and lead pastor of Elevation Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and he holds a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Furtick and his wife Holly have three children, Elijah, Graham, and Abbey.

\* Blogging for Books has provided me with a complimentary copy of this book for this honest review.

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## Jennifer Forbes says

*Greater* by Steven Furtick discusses how to ignite God's vision for your life by dreaming bigger and starting smaller. We are called to be great and not to settle for good. Furtick uses the story of Elisha from the Bible to describe how God uses ordinary people to accomplish the extraordinary. The author uses personal testimony along with a balance of biblical scripture and stories.

The author is a pastor of a megachurch of more than 10,000 that started out small as a with only 8 families. He discusses the sacrifices he and his family made in order to start this church. As just an ordinary person and through his obedience to God, his church has grown over the years to a megachurch. Without his obedience, he wouldn't be in the position he is now. He uses other personal examples throughout the book.

I was really excited to read this book but it did not meet or exceed my expectations. I felt the book was lacking depth. There was not much in the message that I hadn't already read or heard before. I think the book would be great for a new believer but for someone in that has grown up in church, there wasn't much new insight. It was a very fast read in context as I finished it in less than 2 days. I kept hoping for more. Overall, it was an okay book but not one of my favorites.

Disclosure: I received this book from Blogging for Books in return for an honest review of the book.

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### **Mel says**

Loved taking the journey through the story of Elisha. Great read for those looking to take the next steps beyond mediocre.

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### **Robert Holmes says**

"Greater" is a life altering understanding that God is ready to accomplish a greatness in your life that is entirely out of human reach... Beyond what you see in yourself on your best day... But exactly what God has seen in you all along. A must read for anyone that doubts... All things are possible through Jesus Christ

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### **Elaine Costa says**

This book is the same thing of seeing or watching him to preach!

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### **Bryan Anderson says**

I picked this book up from the library when I was looking for something inspiring to read. I was definitely inspired in ways. the story of Elisha was a good way to show how in our modern lives we can break away from the mundane and step into gods plan. or step up in God's plan right where we stand now. greater could have been greater but I gave it 4 stars for strong story telling, well written motivaton, and ease of read.

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### **Joy says**

Love how he reflects on Elisha and uses his stories as examples to live life. Digging ditches--meaning you do

the work before God makes it happen. The portion about how God uses a little of the widow's oil to make more. It's comforting that God takes what we have to offer and does exponentially more than we can ever hope for or imagine. The study guide questions for each chapter at the end of the book are also helpful to dissect things further.

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### **Nikki Stillwell says**

Excellent book, something I will re-read!

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### **Anjeli Crisanto says**

"For everybody who is sick of playing it safe, for every dreamer who has been disillusioned, your moment is now."

Greatness is too farfetched and intimidating. Good enough is too lukewarm. But what if we start living lives which are greater?

Dream bigger. Start smaller.

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### **Chivonne Campbell says**

I don't even know where to start with my review. I could go on for hours about this book (just ask my husband) but I'll keep it into a few short points.

\* I've watched a few sermons from Steven Furtick on YouTube. More specifically The Chatterbox which led me to amazon and to finding this book.

\*I've been searching for some books on bible study and growing closer to God and this was definitely that book. If you are looking for some guidance and need help building faith in God and the plan He has for you and not specifically the plan you have for yourself this book is for you.

It will inspire you to be a greater version of yourself.

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### **Amanda says**

Good book about opening yourself to live a greater life by listening to the voice of God in your life and following even the smallest leanings. There's no sugar coating about how it'll be easy or even lead to more riches; no, Steven Furtick is honest that it'll be hard. However, it'll be rewarding by bringing you closer to God.

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## **Amanda Mayle says**

Great book. I would highly recommend it.

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## **Steve says**

Worth reading, especially if your vision is cloudy.

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## **Sam B says**

Excellent read. Passionate, simple, and perhaps most importantly, direct. Furtick gets right to the core issue and addresses the hearts of believers. Convicting and uplifting. Definite re-read.

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## **Rachel Kulik says**

**I posted this review on my blog, Rachel Reading. If you like this and would like to see more like it, check it out!**

I received a copy of this book from Random House Publishers for an honest review.

I did a book study on Furtick's book "Crash the Chatterbox" and was immediately intrigued by this fairly young pastor writing such a compelling and optimistic, loving view of God in his books. I'd heard rave reviews about "Sun Stand Still" which within 20 minutes of reading it became one of my favorites. While "Greater" is still amazing, truly, Furtick is one of the only Christian non-fiction authors I really seem to enjoy reading and relate to, this one falls short of "Sun Stand Still".

"Greater" felt like a take off of "Sun Stand Still", that it was an extension of the ideas, without using the same terminology. Sure one talks about audacious faith, and this one is using the catch phrase "greater", but they both said essentially the same thing. Maybe that's because the message does boil down to the same thing, to trust God with his plan for you, and when you do that, things all seem to fall into place.

It's still amazing, and half of it is underlined, so don't get me wrong, I absolutely loved and enjoyed this book as much as his others, but I felt like I was getting the same message over and over again. Maybe I needed to get this message over and over, honestly. It could be that God needed me to hear it, and it's good then, that it's being ingrained in my life. I also feel slightly biased because recently I did discover what I feel God called me to do, so "discovering" it, doesn't really apply to me anymore.

Furtick is always spot on with theology in my opinion. I honestly value what he has to say, and usually take it to heart and I will take this book to heart as well as recommend it to a friend (as I always do with his book), and I have to say that even my friend who is well versed in the Bible hadn't really read the story of Elisha so that was an amazing eye opening experience. I enjoyed his writing style, mostly because when he writes I always feel like it's just so obvious that what he's saying is true. I've experienced so much of it.

I love Furtick's books, and I am so happy I got a copy of this one to review, he is one of my favorite authors of all time who continuously puts out books that enlighten and make me feel inspired to live a better Christian life.

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