

“THE GREATNESS IN YOU”
I John 4 Scripture Lesson 1 John 4:4
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This morning we have come to show our honor and respect for Sis. Robin Brown who has been a significant influence to this ministry. Let me personally, on behalf of the entire Providence Missionary Baptist Church family, express our sincere, deep emotional feelings for this gifted minister of God.

John the Apostle is generally credited with writing the three epistles of John. John writes these three letters as “a recall to the fundamentals of the faith.” In verse 4 of the fourth chapter, John tells the people that they are the children of God who have His spirit in them. Everyone who is born of God has greatness. Unfortunately we live in a world that tends to try to crush, not only the human spirit, but the Spirit of God. When the Spirit, which God has placed in each of us is challenged the world seeks control over our behavior. Each of us must realize and accept the truth that the gift that God has placed in us is much more powerful than any force that comes from the outside. Luke writes in Acts 1:8 that when you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior God will put the gift of the Holy Spirit in you. When the Holy Spirit is controlling your every action there is nothing that you will face and not be able to overcome. With the greatness in you there is absolutely nothing to fear, for even Satan’s hosts, with their perversions, cannot destroy your inner peace and leave you spiritually bankrupt.

As Robin Brown has so excellently used the greatness, in her, to allow God’s gifts to blossom, trust in the greatness in you. Each person who recognizes that the greatness within will always defeat any obstacles which are not of God.

This week take some quiet time and study the entire fourth chapter of First John. To know and understand the omnipotent power of the love of God will transform your life. If you use the gift of love which is the gift of God which is the greatness in you, then you will love your neighbor as God loves you.

Call in the greatness in you today and let that power of love guide your every thought, word and deed.