Because Jesus is greater, the greater life is possible. BUT...life doesn’t just happen – we have responsibility.
There are things you need to do...one of them is this...keeping your house clean...

all houses constantly need some attention. SO... what shape is your house in?

THE DINING ROOM
We all know this room right....the room we never use. Well kind of.
It’s the room we use on the special occasion, when the other table isn’t quite big enough....the show room.

Maybe not the case for you but let’s get real with this room. This room represents what you serve.
The stuff you serve. (what is coming out of you?) but then also....how you serve it.
Think about a meal....what you serve is huge! But how you serve it goes a long way in how it’s received.
Chick-fila (my pleasure) vs Mcdonalds (here ya go)

- Tonight I really want us to consider What and How we are serving.
- On a deeper level....how we are portrayed in our community....for you (school, here, job, public)
- How are you perceived? Reputation. It doesn’t matter....but it matters.
- You can’t help some but it doesn’t mean you don’t try to portray a Christ-honoring, God glorifying picture.

HOW DO WE DEAL WITH IT? See Scripture – Obey Scripture – Eph. 4:17-32
The cry here is simple....WALK DIFFERENTLY...IN CHRIST What we serve and how we serve it has a bigger purpose than you.

SO What are you serving up?

What are you serving it? To what end? What’s the hope? What’s the result you’re seeking?

What do I mean? (when you walk down the halls...how do you walk?)

- (WHEN YOU disagree with someone how does that go?)
- Racial Injustice – Patriotism – Gender equality – sexual identity – politics - sport teams -
  From big to small these are all issues you face and your generation screams about.
  How is that approached? To what end? How do you go about proving your point? What is your point?

Here’s a sad truth we’re all guilty of from time to time. We just want to be heard. But then this...
We often fight for things harder than we fight for the Gospel...ask: is what I’m fighting for rooted in the gospel?

I’ve always thought we’d fight harder against a school dress code than not being able to take our bible to school.

- The issue tonight is this – what are we serving? How are we serving? Why are we serving?
  Ephesians 4 walks us through the what, the how and the why...SO WE ASK

  - What am I serving up? (is it healthy?)
  - How am I serving it up? How do I come across? What is the Perception?
  - Why am I serving? What's the end goal? Hopeful result?
  - Where does it end? (My victory or His glory?)

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What are you serving, How are you serving it and What is the end result you’re hoping for?
POSSIBLE GROUP QUESTIONS: (for tonight/throughout the week)
- What am I serving up? (is it healthy?)
- How am I serving it up? How do I come across? Perception?
  - Is this accurate? Misunderstood? Is it helpful?
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