

## **Greater**

### *The Right Response*

**John 14:12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (NIV)

My reason for not living greater is \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### **1. Pain**

**Genesis 37:5** Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. (NIV)

**Genesis 41:51** Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father’s household.” (NIV)

#### **2. Problems**

#### **3. Power**

**Genesis 50:15** When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?” (NIV)

**Genesis 50:18–20** His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said. <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. (NIV)

#### **4. Prosperity**

**Genesis 41:56–57** When the famine had spread over the whole country, Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold grain to the Egyptians, for the famine was severe throughout Egypt. <sup>57</sup> And all the world came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe everywhere. (NIV)

**Genesis 50:21** So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. (NIV)

**Proverbs 11:24–25** The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. <sup>25</sup> The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. (The Message)