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**MORE OF JESUS,  
LESS OF ME**

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### **Jesus Must Become Greater**

**John 3:30** (NIV)

**30 He must become greater; I must become less."**

This statement by John the Baptist sends a clear message about humility and recognizing the greatness of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a born-again believer. John acknowledged Jesus' superiority and his own subordinate position by saying, "He must become greater; I must become less." This act of humility demonstrates John's unwavering faith and selflessness in serving a purpose greater than himself, and challenges us to shift our focus from self-centeredness and the inability to yield our will to God's will to a mindset of humility and respect for the things of God, especially a demonstration of the fruit of the Spirit in everything we do. Let us strive to embody the same humility and grace as John the Baptist in our daily interactions.

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### **I (Your Name) Must Become Less**

**Galatians 2:20** (NIV)

**20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

To decrease so that God may increase means to humble ourselves before God and acknowledge His supremacy over our lives. It involves surrendering our own desires, ambitions, and pride to allow God's will to prevail. We make room for God to work in and through us by decreasing ourselves, allowing His power, love, and glory to shine forth. Demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit takes precedence over anything in our daily lives, regardless of position or vocation. Whatever we do, in word or action, we must always have a mindset to be doing it for God's glory. We must work and behave, not as unto men, but to God. This is real works following our declaration of faith of loving God, whom we cannot see. The less it is about us, the more we will allow God to shine in our lives.

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### **Take Away**

May we grow day after day by making our lives more about Jesus than about ourselves. To say we love God is an act of faith that must be followed by real works of making everything we do less about us, and more about demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit in our everyday lives, regardless of our position or vocation. Amen!

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