Dear Lexie,

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Hope and Health

Eight weeks could make a big difference. Do our New Year’s resolutions need a boost? Are we looking for a new way to live life? Are
**This Sabbath:**
May 17, 2014

**Speaker:**
Pastor Paolo Esposito
"Waypoints"

**Special Musical Guests:**
Audrey Moise & Kenniecia Grant

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**SAS Student Awarded**

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**An All-Consuming Love**

The greatest of all the traits; The very best among all the emotions; The superb and oftentimes the indescribable LOVE

Sometimes we need to be reminded of a magical and powerful fact. The simple truth that God's love is all-consuming. I think we especially need to be reminded on days when we don't feel great...

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As I look back at my short stay at Sligo, I am amazed at how truly blessed we are as a church. I have not yet seen another church as diverse as Sligo, with people from every continent and walk of life – Doctors and healthcare professionals, cooks and chefs, architects, lawyers, finance specialists, engineers, teachers and educators, scholars and artists, writers and editors, graphic designers. You name it, we have it! All this, while being located 1 mile away from the nation’s capital in the middle of a metropolitan area with a population of almost 10 million. The Sligo Church building itself, in spite of its needed upgrades and maintenance, comfortably houses our congregations and provides a beautiful venue of worship.

With all that said, this is the thought that comes to mind, “to whom much is given, from him much will be required.” I realize that this quote is in the context of a much deeper spiritual application in terms of God’s judgments. However, I think it also applies or translates to the practical. We have been given so much, and God has put us in a place where we can reach so many people in so many ways, and share the everlasting Gospel of His return to many. We can truly be a beacon of Hope in our community.

1 Peter 4: 10 says, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.” It is interesting that Peter says EACH of you, not SOME of you. Collectively as a church we have been given so much, but EACH individual has also been given much. Yet, too often, our church suffers from the 80/20 rule where few people do the majority of the work. The Bible assures us that EACH of us has received much, and we must respond in service.

I pray that each one of us, and our church as a whole, will live to the full potential for which God has called us. He has given us so much. Will we give back of ourselves?

If you feel compelled to give back in service. Please take a moment to fill out this short form so we can assist you in getting involved in ministry: GET INVOLVED>>
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Semple-Dormer not only met the required GPA, he also mentors younger students and founded his own nonprofit organization, Zees Robot. This school year, Zees Robot will award one Sligo student a Kindle to encourage higher-level thinking skills and foster a continual love for reading. Semple-Dormer aspires to become a robotic engineer and use his talents to help people in their daily life and to grow closer to God.

Last month Semple-Dormer; his parents Anton Dormer, MD, and Yonnette Dormer, OT; and Renee Humphreys, his principal, attended the fund’s 18th annual awards banquet held in Baltimore. The young scholar was presented with a trophy and a $1,000 check to be used toward his college education.

“We commend Julius on receiving this prestigious award and look forward to seeing how God will continue to bless and use him in the future,” said Humphreys.

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