

Limitless – 2

Even though God has great things in our future we sometimes limit Him by our capacity to receive.

The problem is not a supply problem. The problem is we have to **increase our capacity** (container) to believe.

We need to enlarge our vision and reach for the new things God wants to do in our lives.

We enlarge our capacity to receive by **changing our thinking**.

Instead of expecting this year to be a year of lack we need to believe God for a year of increase, a year for His abundant blessings.

Don't say....

- This is going to be a tough year
- I don't think I'll meet my goals
- I will never get promoted
- I'll never get married
- I'll never get well

STOP!

It's time for us to believe God for something far and beyond what we have ever expected.

- Believe For explosive blessings
- Believe God for prosperity – NOW
- Believe God for a promotion
- Believe God for a new job
- Believe God to be debt free
- Believe God to increase our influence
- Believe God for a life that is **Limitless**

Ephesians 3:20-21

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. NKJV

Mark 2:22

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins." NKJV

- You can't go around thinking mediocre thoughts and expect abundance – New thinking!
- You must have a bigger vision for your life!
- Don't let your mind talk you out of it
- Don't let circumstances dictate what God can do in your life
- God is *still* in control!

Luke 6:45

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. NKJV

- What is in our heart is what comes out of our mouth
- What comes out of our mouth is what we produce
- If we think and speak lack that's what we have
- If we think and speak abundance that's what we have
- Regardless of our current state of affairs
- Limitless is a state of living not an amount of goods
- Thankful, content living leads to The Limitless Life

Philippians 4:11-13

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. NKJV

Paul was able to reach others for the Gospel in every circumstance because he realized that it was not him living but Christ in him.

- A life full of Christ is a life of abundance w/o limits
- A life of abundance reaches out to others
- A life of lack is consumed with self preservation
 - who's going to take care of me?
 - Nothing ever works out
- A limitless life of abundance is full and content, meets the needs of others and believes for more
- Living with a vision
- Living with purpose
- This is limitless living

We have got to change our attitude

“God, I’m ready. I’m taking the limits off of You. I’m enlarging my vision. I may not see a way but I know You have a way.” – Joel Osteen – *Breakout*

We have got to stop thinking the cards are stacked against us

We've got to stop thinking we'll always be lacking

We've got to stop thinking the favor of God is only for someone else

We've got to stop thinking we don't deserve it

We must believe it is for us!

God wants to BLESS us!

There is a story in **Genesis 48** about the time that Jacob is close to death. Joseph was Jacob's favorite child. He was also His youngest son – Coat of many colors.

Jacob and his son are reunited just as Jacob is about to pass away. Joseph is standing before Jacob with his two sons in order for him to bless them before his death.

Genesis 48:12-15, 17-19 NKJV

12 So Joseph brought them from beside his knees, and he bowed down with his face to the earth. 13 And Joseph took them both, **Ephraim** with his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and **Manasseh** with his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near him. 14 Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

17 Now when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took hold of his father's hand to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. 18 And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, **for this one is the firstborn**; put your right hand on his head."

19 But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."

- It's time to believe for supernatural favor
- It's not something that we earn or deserve
- Blessed with every spiritual blessing – Eph. 1-3
- Grace – Gods unmerited favor!
- You may not have the background
- You may not have the education
- You may not have gotten the breaks
- Say I'm not settling for second anymore
- I'm God's favorite!

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

10 "So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, 11 houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, hewn-out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant — when you have eaten and are full — 12 then beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. NKJV

- God is bringing us to a place of abundance
- A place of "Good Things"
- A place where we are full and satisfied
- Not something you earn
- Something He desires to give
- A place of limitless increase!

Exodus 34:10-11

10 Then the LORD said: "I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how **awesome** is the work that I, the LORD, will do for you. NIV

- If God uses the word awesome – it must be!
- Not a trickle but a flood of favor, ideas, healing

1 Chronicles 14:11 NKJV

11 So they went up to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there. Then David said, "God has broken through my enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

- God is ready to break-through on your behalf
- He is ready to pour out power
- He gives us the victory – **1 Corinthians 15:57**

Many of us don't live the limitless life because we focus on the things we don't have, we think things will never get better – discontentment

When our focus is on God (passion) this leads to increase Discontentment will cause us to focus on other things and leads to spiritual poverty – hunger for other things

We grow spiritually dull – **Isaiah 6:10, Mark 4**

If you want to increase you must be in a state of contentment looking to God believing for limitless increase

Contentment focuses on God and His promises

Discontentment focuses on other things – carnal living

1 Timothy 6:6-9

6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (*Don't focus on things*) 8 and having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich (*Focus on things*) fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. NKJV

- Contentment (thankfulness) and godliness will always bring an increase
- When we are not content (thankful) we become spiritually stagnant or out of focus
- Its time to awaken our passion (love) for God
- Its time to believe God for a Break through

Romans 12:11-12

11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. NIV

- Have I lost my spiritual fervor?
- Have I lost the Joy of the Lord?
- Am I zealous for good works? – Titus 2:14
- Have I forgotten my first love?

Have I merely added God to my life or has He become my life? If you don't know there's a difference you've only added Him – Surrender

We think surrender is a one time decision

It's like the husband who says I don't have to tell my wife I love her, I told her on our wedding day

Deuteronomy 28:47-48 (A life without passion)

47 "Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you.

NKJV

- Lack of passion will cause us to hunger and thirst
- Nothing will satisfy
- We will constantly be in need – Lack
- Ultimately it will (consume) destroy you
- It will cause you to feel waited down
- Spiritual nakedness is a life without the fellowship of God

– Genesis 3:10, Revelation 3:17

Colossians 2:6-7

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. NKJV

When we live our life with passion our entire life can be one big breakthrough

2 Timothy 1:6

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God. NIV