Limitless – 4

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
- o I don't think I'll meet my goals
- I will never get promoted
- o I'll never get married
- o I'll never get well

STOP!

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

- o Believe For explosive blessings
- Believe God for prosperity NOW
- Believe God for a promotion
- o Believe God for a new job
- o Believe God to be debt free
- o 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

No Slide: 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!

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
 - o Limitless is a state of living not an amount of goods
 - o Thankful, content living leads to The Limitless Life

Isaiah 60:1

60:1 ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you — rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! AMP

Jesus feeds the multitudes

John 6:4-6

4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. NKJV

- Every opportunity we face we have a choice
- o Will I eat the leaven of the Pharisees or Herod?
- The key is to find out what Father wants to do
- He wants to bring us more in every situation
- o Limitless living starts by getting into the God-Flow

John 6:7-9

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little." 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" NKJV

- o It would take a fortune for everyone to have a little
- o Well we don't have enough
- Living the limitless life is not about what we do or don't have – its about what God has
- You can never have enough to meet kingdom provision
- Kingdom provision is always beyond what we can do in the natural – its based on His promises
- Kingdom provision is always sufficient
- Start praying "bold" prayers not just "get by" prayers

John 6:10-12

10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost." NKJV

- Notice there is a plan before the provision
 - expectation The Word of God
- Provision providence for the vision
- What is Gods plan? His Word
- o To often we execute our plan
- Then wonder why we didn't get Gods results
- o When we execute our plan we get "just enough"
- When God executes His plan we get "as much as they wanted"
- And some left over to remind them Mark 8:19

Jesus was able to live in such a way because He had intimacy with Father God which built trust and confidence in the plan of God for His life – He trusted Father and His plan more than He trusted Himself and His mind, will and emotions

He never had fear of lack because He was acquainted with the fullness of the presence of God and the resources of Heaven

One sure way to Limit God in our lives is by trusting in ourselves and others rather than God

John 2:24-25

24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man. NKJV

- When you let people build you up they will let you down
- No person can do that for anyone

John 5:19

19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. NKJV

- Don't trust in yourself
- o Don't trust in your financial planner
- Don't trust the economy
- o Don't trust the government
- He didn't even say to trust Pastors or Prophets
- o Don't trust anything / anyone other than the Lord

Psalm 37:3-4 NKJV

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
4 Delight yourself also in the LORD,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. NKJV

1 Corinthians 1:26-27, 31

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD." NKJV

 To the extent that you trust yourself you are not trusting God! – Judges 7:2 too many!

2 Timothy 1:12

12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. NKJV

- We must trust God with our lives
- When I'm having a good day He's in control
- When I'm having a bad day He's in control and engineering my life
- o God wants us to succeed!

Philippians 2:12-13

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. NKJV

- o Am I striving for obedience?
- He gives me the desire and the power tap in!

God is working obedience in your life – through circumstances – will I press on or give in? He's not leaving it up to you to get around to it He is using every situation to point you towards His will for you – are you seeing it? – Wake up! What you do with the pressures of life matters When God puts His will on the inside – you have to work it out

Jesus claimed to have finished the work Father God gave Him to do

He then prayed that those who believed in Him would fulfill God's will for their lives

John 17:4

4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. NKJV

- O How is it possible for Jesus to finish His work in 3 ½ years?
- He knew the confines of His area of ministry
- He only did what Holy Spirit led Him to do

Many scholars believe that the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness where shortcuts to obeying the will of God Jesus didn't give in – Will you?

Let God have complete control in your life Enjoy the progression of intimacy with Him

"Trust and dependency on God followed by obedience is how you stay connected to the source of your spiritual life" Jentezen Franklin – The spirit of python

Three keys to intimacy with God

Desire: do I desire His presence enough to remove all distractions and learn to hear His still small voice?

Discipline: Establish a place of meeting and wait for Him

Delight: Your greatest times of worship should take place when you are alone with God

Intimacy produces dependence and obedience

The greater my intimacy the greater my dependence and obedience

John 17:23

23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. NKJV

• When we are one with the Limitless One we live the Limitless Life!

Colossians 3:3-4

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. NKJV