

Take Off The Limits!

Gen 18:14 - Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

Num 11:23 - The LORD answered Moses, "Is the LORD's arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you."

Job 42:2 - "I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted.

Jeremiah 32:27 - "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?

Luke 1:37 – "For nothing is impossible with God."

Luke 18:27 - Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Matt 19:26 - Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

There is always a commanded place of blessing, a place called "There".

1 Kings 17:2-4 - Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there." Why do we throw our belief in God out the window as soon as problems come our way?

I guarantee you that the problem isn't with God's ability to meet your needs!

The problem is our ability to trust God in everything we face!

I. We limit God's work in our lives when we don't operate by faith!

Matthew 13:58 - ... "And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith."

Heb 11:6 - "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

1.) First, unbelief limits God's ability to do mighty works.

2.) Second, we can't even begin to please God or receive anything from Him without faith.

What causes us not to operate in faith?

Matt. 22:29 – But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God.

There's a difference in knowing what the scriptures say and KNOWING the scriptures!

If you want to operate in faith, you must go from the Logos word (the written word) to the Rhema word (the living word)!

You'll never really ever know the power of God unless you experience the power of the Word!

Faith and the Word of God are inseparable!

Rom 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

KJV - "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

It is the Word of God that the Holy Spirit uses to awaken a response of faith in us!

If you have a faith problem, then more than likely you have a hearing problem too!

Many people can't really hear from God because they've already decided that they aren't going to do what He says!

Without obedience to God's Word, true faith cannot exist!

Be a person of the Word and ask God to open the scriptures up to you...

And help you open your heart to the Scriptures!

II. We limit God's work in our lives when we knowingly allow sin to be present in our lives!

Gal 6:7-8

7Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

8The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Your harvest is determined by the kind of seed you plant!

Ps 66:18 - "If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;"

Sin shuts down the communication process between you and God!

"If I have sin in my heart, God chooses not to listen to me until I come to Him with repentance!"

James 4:6 and 1Peter 5:5 both say "God opposes (KJV-Resists) the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:4-6 (The Message) ⁴⁻⁶You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "he's a fiercely jealous lover." And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble."

When you refuse to repent, you are walking in pride!

Not everyone who claims to be in the body of Christ will be part of the Bride of Christ!

The first step is Christ forgiving you of your sins, that's God's part!

Then step two is our part!

We must DO the will of the father!

Matt 7:21-23

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

Are you doing the will of the Father?

Are you actively working for the Kingdom of God?

Ps. 51:10-12 - Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Philippians 3:12-14 (The Message) ¹²⁻¹⁴ "I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."

Eph. 5: 25-27

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

You will never experience the extraordinary life God intended for you to have as long as you keep Him on the back burner of your life!

The Word tells us that if we delight ourselves in the Lord that He will give us the desires of our heart...

But too many treat His Word and desires for our lives like the side dish in their life when His Word deserves to be the main course!

Sin is not something we can afford in our life!

Sin keeps God from working in and through your life like He wants too!

God has never seen a problem He couldn't handle!

God has never seen a sickness He couldn't heal!

God has never seen a sinner He couldn't save if they want it!

But He has seen lots of prideful people who He had to resist!

2 Cor. 5:6-10

6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.