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~ Jesse & Cathy



# Your Faith—Don't Be Afraid to Tell Others What GOD HAS DONE

JESSE DUPLANTIS

Pelling others what you believe, what God has already done for you, or what you are believing Him for in the future, is not arrogance. It's not bragging. It's simply embracing and sharing His goodness towards you. It's siding with God's Word instead of being shameful and quiet to avoid the backlash of public opinion.

Something amazing happens when you stop being fearful of the backlash. You gain peace of mind when you have faith in God and when you are brave enough to talk about it! Your stability doesn't have to be contingent upon whether other people agree or disagree with your faith. Your peace of mind doesn't have to be contingent upon whether other people like or dislike your success or desire for success in whatever area you choose to apply your faith.

It's freeing to release yourself from the fear of what others might think. It means you don't have to hide the blessings of God on your life. You can say what you want knowing that you aren't greedy you've grown. You aren't arrogant—you're grateful to God. You aren't bragging—you are bringing glory to the One who has moved on your behalf. This is a revolutionary way of looking at the blessings of God in your life because it steps outside of the fear of man.

Fear of being condemned makes people shrink from talking about the blessings of God on their life. They fear what others will think or say about them in a negative way, so they clam up.

There is a fear of leaving others behind that is often at the root of non-success. I bust this straight in the head in my own life by deliberately talking about the blessings God has given me and about the goals I have for the future. I forced myself out of that fear of others a long time ago, and I am so free that I will never go back. Fear is bondage. It's not for me!

#### They're Not Really Cutting You Down—It's the Truth That They Fear and Hate

People are social. People have internal rules that they follow, and they really dislike when someone stops following the group's rules. But I'm not a bird in a flock that must follow the other birds. I'm a creation of God, created to follow my Father and not fly south when He says fly north! That's a joke, but you get my point. Embracing your faith when it comes to the opinions of others requires fearless solidarity. At some point, you just care more about what God says than what other people say. You embrace what you've established and you can't help but tell others what God has done and what God is going to do in your life. When they cut you down for it, you can weather it because you already know that God can't lie and they just don't like that you are breaking out of religious conformity.

The attack isn't about you. It's about God. It's about Abraham. It's about Jesus. It's about going outside of traditional rules and following your destiny by following God's plan for your success in this life and the next.

So if they hate your gold, they also hate Heaven's streets. If they hate that you are speaking to your mountains and talking to your future, drawing it to you with fearless faith, guess what? They just hate the teachings of Jesus Christ. If Abraham was standing right beside them, they'd criticize him, too. Let that roll off of you like water off a duck's back.

If they hate your ability to have joy and peace of mind in the midst of being criticized, what they really hate is that you have opted out of conforming to fear. They are in fear. They follow the hidden rule of say nothing about their faith or blessings. They hate that you've broken stride. They hate that you refuse to run away.

#### Be Loving, Be Merciful, and Don't Let People Ruin Your Day

People will try and cut your future away by getting you angry or into strife over godly things and this blows my mind, but it's true. Good Christian people will often try and temper your faith for future good things. Again, they might love God, but they don't want you to break their hidden rule. Be merciful with them. Be loving. Do not fall into the bad habit of fighting with people.

Jesus was loving and compassionate, but He was strong in faith and He did not allow even very intimidating people like the religious hierarchy to stop Him from talking about and doing the will of His Father. Jesus didn't mind mentioning mansions in Heaven any more than He minded mentioning sin, health, love, mercy, grace, patience, glory, and power.



"But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day." Deuteronomy 8:18

Why? Because He had no fear of people in Him. He knew that what He had and what He had to say was more valuable than keeping the status quo.

When you are believing for something great, don't be ashamed to say it. Don't let people ruin your day! Keep your peace and realize that God's Word and God's will and your future are more important than today's criticism.

You might be living the scripture that says, "...having done all to stand. Stand therefore..." (Ephesians 6:13-14). Resist the urge to resent the "standing time." Standing in faith is a powerful state of being. It builds patience and character, and it has a ricocheting effect.

People notice those who are steadfast. Some will be impressed and some will be bothered. Let neither affect your continuance of faith. Your future is more important than their criticisms.

Very few people are willing to stand for what's good and believe for God's best without wavering when others don't like it. Some call it non-conformist, but I think of Christians who stick with their faith as "God-conformists." They are doers of the Word and also talkers of the Word. They can't help but speak about what God has done.

#### Demonstrate Deuteronomy 8:18— Remember Who Gives You the Power to Get Wealth

You have every right to brag on God! When I tell somebody I've got something nice, I know that all I'm doing is demonstrating Deuteronomy 8:18: "But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day."

To "remember the Lord" in relation to wealth is to honor God as the Source of your wealth. When you are blessed materially in any area, and you acknowledge that it was by God's power that you became blessed, you bring glory to His name. Everything good is from above.

Why would God give you power to get wealth if wealth itself was not good for you? Why would He say "by His stripes ye were healed" if healing was not for you? Why would He be bruised for your iniquity or have the chastisement of peace be upon Him if redemption and peace were not good for you?

Everything that God offers is good for you—and you can feel free to brag on God because that's just another form of praise. It's praise that others can hear.

Do you know what the tradition of the church says about wealth? They say "it's not for today" when it comes to anything tangible; they have completely abandoned the here and now life for the ever-after eternity. Why? Because they have used personal experience to validate God.

#### Embrace the "Impossibility" of a Miraculous God—All Things Are Possible to Them that Believe

They don't believe in prosperity because they live in lack. They don't believe in healing, because they live with sickness. They don't believe in answered prayer because they think theirs was never answered. They say things like, "You never know what God is going to do—sometimes He does, and sometimes He doesn't." What does this mean? It means they believe in their own limited experience over the Word of God. They'd rather negate the Word to avoid what they consider inevitable disappointment.

What a sad way to think! It's just like the worldly advice, "Don't expect anything and you won't be

disappointed," but that is man's way of thinking, not God's. It's not what the Word teaches us. It's a stagnant way of living that has no hope, and definitely no faith in God. In other words, they've immersed themselves in theology. Sometimes it takes a good theologian to make you misunderstand the Bible.

To live at the top, you must embrace the "impossibility" of a miraculous God. Jesus said, "With God all things are possible" and "All things are possible to them that believe."Throughout His ministry, He told people that it was "your faith" that brought forth miracles.

To embrace God's truth, you have to move beyond man's tradition. Tradition sometimes loses its passion. It gets watered down because people begin favoring what's natural over what's supernatural. Sometimes you have to remind yourself that none of us would be believers if Christ hadn't risen from the dead. Christianity is based on the supernatural.

Those fish and loaves that were miraculously increased to feed the 5000? Supernatural prosperity! That net of Peter's that didn't catch one fish all night but started breaking under the massive catch once Christ got involved? Supernatural prosperity!

Remember that Peter had toiled all night fishing and had caught nothing. But once he lent his boat to Jesus (who used it as a pulpit to preach to others), the "harvest" on that "seed" was a supernatural haul! Sowing and reaping works, and God's ways are higher than our ways.

As believers, we can't let ourselves slip back into pure natural thinking because we have been given the mind of Christ. We must be brave enough to use it. Regardless of what people who value tradition over truth say about us, we must step out in faith, and we can't be afraid to brag on God. The whole Bible is a bragging session about God! So if you chime in about what He's done for you, you are doing just fine!

#### To Live Future-Minded Is Fun— Dream the "End Result"

You can't let your past dictate to you what you will and will not believe; the Word must be first place in your own mind. God's will over your will. His Word over your word. I love to dream big dreams. I love to push my faith forward. I like where I've been, but I don't want to stagnate in nostalgia. There is a lost and dying world out there; my goal is to help people find Jesus, change their lives for the better, and succeed in being whatever God has called them to be. God's Word helps people be successful from the inside out, as their soul prospers. So I'm interested in teaching and preaching to the soulish realm—the mind, the will, and the emotions.

If you get your mind in order, you'll think straight. If you get your will in order, you'll do more. If you get your emotions in order, you'll live with a lot more peace. Fixating on problems instead of God's promises is like being on a treadmill of despair. Jump off and start dreaming and using your faith.

No matter what happened in your past, whether it was terrible, wonderful, or like most people, a mix of both, you can't move forward if you stay stuck in your past. Time is only moving forward and God has new things for you. Each day is an opportunity to find joy, push your faith forward, and become more of what God said you really are at your core. Everyone needs something to look forward to. It is so fun to dream and then act on those dreams.

My wife, Cathy, says, "Jesse's got so many plans." I'm future-minded. I don't worry about the problems of the future; I focus on the good that is coming my way. I think of the people I will reach with the message of Jesus, people who will be saved and healed, delivered and set free, who will totally change their lives around and succeed God's way. I think of their children who will learn to talk to God themselves, to lean on Him, to have faith and do big things for the world. I think of their children's children and how the wealth of the godly grandparents will have ripple effects helping future generations both spiritually and materially. These dreams I have are end-result dreams. What I do and what I say today has a ripple effect, the same as what you do and what you say has ripple effects.

Sometimes life gets overwhelming when we aren't full of the Spirit and when we let today's problems drag out for years in our mind. Be a futurist! Move forward! Fill your mind with what will make you smile in the future. Any time that you catch yourself worrying, give it to God in prayer. Let go where it's safe to let go, which is in His presence. Your prayer life should settle your soul and stir your heart for good things, and it should free your mind up to dream.

This article is an excerpt from Jesse's book, *Living at the Top* 

### God Has New Things For You!

Friend, no matter what happened in your past, whether it was terrible, wonderful, or like most people, a mix of both, God loves you and wants to move you forward. He has new things for you! You can have what the Father sent His Son to give—an eternal life in Heaven and an overcoming, abundant life here on earth (John 10:10). God loves the world so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to make a way for all of us to be free from guilt, shame, and from every sin no matter how big or small. Christ's death and resurrection on the cross was sacrificial and He did it for you, me, and the whole world.

Accepting God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ is the first step to living at the top because, as Mark 8:36 says, "*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul*?" Nothing is as important as being right with God in your heart, and by accepting Christ, you are doing just that.

If you don't know Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, or if you just need to come back home to God where you belong, would you take a moment and pray with me today?

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me enough to send Your Son. I know that I need You. I believe that You are my God, my Maker, and my Father—and I believe that You sent Your only begotten Son to die for me. I believe that He died and rose again for me so that I could be washed clean of all my sins. Jesus, come into my life. Wash me clean and create a new heart in me now. Thank You for paying the price for me. From this point on, I will seek to serve You. I ask that You fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit and help me find my destiny in You. Thank You, Jesus, for saving me! My new life starts right now, Lord. This is my God-day and I'm never turning back! May Your blessings follow me all the days of my life as I learn from You. I want the best You have for me, in every way, in Jesus' name, Amen.

You've just been born again (John 3:3, Romans 10:9-10). Shout! You made it! Your name is now written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Heaven will be your home when you die, and a life full of promises and victory await you from this moment on. Would you do me a favor? It's important that you let someone know of your decision to follow Jesus, and I would love to hear from you. You can go online to JDM.org (click on "Do You Know Jesus?") or use the response/order form included in the center of this magazine. We want to rejoice with you and send you a free booklet, *Understanding Salvation*, to help you begin your new life in Christ.

I may never get to meet you face-to-face in this life. But in Heaven, who knows? I might live right next door to you! If I do, I'll be at your house every day. Until then, fill yourself daily with the uncompromised truth of God's Word. Let His Word remain true and pure in you. Use it with childlike faith and watch what it will do. Stick with Jesus—with Him, you are going to win and live high above all the facts this life can bring. I love you and I'm praying for you!

– Jesse Duplantis



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# **GLORIOUS** MOMENTS with Cathy

I love the theme that the Lord has given to us for 2022—Go Do The Work! To me, it means spreading the Good News that our wonderful God has amazing promises for those that love Him. Proverbs 8:21 in The Passion Translation says, "Those who love Me gain great wealth and a glorious inheritance, and I will fill their lives with treasures." This verse makes it clear that our glorious inheritance includes salvation, healing, prosperity, and a life filled with treasures. People all over the world are discovering the abundant life that Jesus came to give and have been sending us their powerful testimonies. I pray the ones in this issue of our monthly ministry magazine will encourage you to believe for your glorious inheritance. Remember, it belongs to everyone that loves God!

United Kingdom: I am already a Partner to your ministry, but I found myself with more this month, so why not sow extra seed into your "Good Soil" ministry?! I have been a Partner since April of last year, and I have now found myself debt free and I have a new car, which I desperately needed. Thank you for teaching me about prosperity (I'd never heard of this until I started following your teachings). Now I believe in the hundredfold! God just continues to blow my socks off through your teachings, and sometimes there just aren't enough words of gratitude that I have for Him. I love your online Sunday Services, as well as your Boardroom Chats, Faith the Facts, and Cathy's new Glorious Living show. I love you guys and, again, just want to say thank you.

**Texas:** Thank you for your prayers over us! God has answered so many prayers. Our commercial property has sold! We have so much seed to sow! We are debt free and really enjoying God's goodness to us. Man, are we excited! We've been able to close on a beautiful gentleman's ranch. God answers my prayers before I'm even through speaking them (Isaiah 65:24). Hallelujah! What an awesome God we serve.

**Alabama:** I had a skin cancer on my lip that had been there for 5 years. I wouldn't go anywhere without a mask. I sent you a prayer request asking for prayer for my lip, and also asked you to pray that my property would sell. The Lord healed my lip and my property sold!

Florida: I really admire Jesse Duplantis Ministries. We have been Partners for a long time. My husband and I listen to Brother Jesse often. My husband so loves to listen to him. You both are an inspiration to us. I was born a Hindu in India, and the Lord came after me and saved me. My husband was a former Hindu as well.

Australia: I was always thrilled to receive your letter and magazine during this past year, which has been a particularly concerning year for so many people. You and I know it has caught some folks short. Your words to me from God have always lifted me up so I can forge on to be an overcomer under any circumstance, even if it takes a little longer sometimes. I can always rely on Jesse and Cathy to give a word to the wise from the Lord. Thank you in Jesus' name. Can't wait to hear what you folks have for me in 2022. Once again, thank you for your love and prayers. West Virginia: Your ministry showed my son that it is okay to be rich. He soon will be the owner of a 12-million-dollar company. Your messages gave him the courage to go forward and BELIEVE for his dream! Thank you is such a menial word, however it's the best I have.

North Carolina: Since I have been listening to you for the past year, the anointing of increase has come on my life and my business has exploded. But more importantly, I have grown stronger in the Lord. Thank you, Jesse and Cathy.

Kansas: You two have changed me! I watch you all every day. I am debt free—my house, car, everything! Jesus is so good. I love your Boardroom Chats. They make me see you as people like us, not in the woods, but in home life. I understand more than ever before. You are my church. I am believing for it all, and I am thinking big! I thought small before—'just enough' but not anymore!

**Texas:** You are my favorite preacher, and I buy your books and watch your broadcasts, such as Faith the Facts. You are my "Spiritual Brother," and you taught me the power and importance of faith. I could go on and on because you are truly a blessing and a source of strength for me. Thank you for being such a strength for me and teaching me so much!

West Virginia: I want to thank you for your teachings on giving and prosperity. I have learned more from you in the past 3 months about prosperity than in the last 30 years. Praise God for your ministry, and may I encourage you to keep going.

**California:** I am a Partner with your ministry and have been listening to you since the summer of 2019. Because of you, I was able to laugh and learn so much more biblical truths during the 2020 quarantine. You are such a good steward of what the Holy Spirit is wanting to say to the rest of us. Thank you for being an obedient servant of our Lord and Savior. Thank you again, Brother Jesse and Sister Cathy, for all of your teachings and Boardroom Chats. It really has helped my spiritual maturity to hear you discuss the Bible and the Father's love for His children.

**Georgia:** Thank you for teaching on the four types of giving, specifically firstfruits. I grew up in church and have read about it but have never been able to understand how to give it. Thank you for teaching the Word and making it simple to understand.

Louisiana: Your magazine article "What Do You Want? You Can Have What Things Soever Ye Desire" indeed had me riveted to the article from the beginning. Never in my life do I remember reading, understanding, and absorbing such a revelatory article that resonated so deeply within me. Jesse has a way that he formulates words and sentences that carry very definitive meanings to people. I am so thankful that everything that is preached and taught at Covenant Church is biblical. I'm even more thankful that those who teach it *can* and *do* deliver it with love, understanding, and passion.

**Texas:** Every Sunday I go to church with you on TV. I am unable to get to church in person now. Thank you for the awesome Word of God! You always preach exactly from the Bible. God has blessed me more than I have room to say. He is everything to me! I pray for you and your ministry every day. Thank you.

New Mexico: I just had to give God praise and share this with you. God placed in my heart to send JDM a seed of faith. I asked Him to lead me to an amount, and He told me \$240.00. I didn't question it. I wasn't sure where I was going to get it from, but I just did it. The very same day that I sowed my seed, my spouse came to see me at work (which never happens), and was so excited to tell me in person that we had received back-pay checks and refunds from places we didn't even know we had coming to us. We received a little over \$2,400.00! Luke 6:38 came back to us 10-fold! Praise the Lord!

If your life has been changed through JDM, I want to hear from you! ~ Cathy

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- Once you've been with God, you discover that there is no end to amazement

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### Happy Mother's Day from Jesse!

Enjoy this excerpt from my book *"Jambalaya for the Soul.*" It's one of my favorite stories of my Mamma and Cathy! I know you will not only laugh, but you will also discover how God's love and salvation help you through the most trying times.

I took a girl over to my mother's house one time, and Mamma took one look at her and said she looked like Jezebel. I didn't take girls home very often, but I thought this one looked pretty good. She was greasy looking, but otherwise she looked all right. But Mamma said to her face, "She looks like a Jezebel!"

Thank God this girl didn't know who Jezebel was.

"Who's Jezebel?" she asked.

"Oh, that's a very nice person we know who lives down the street," I said. "A very pretty lady."

"What's the matter with you, Mamma?" I asked.

"I'll not have those sluts in my house!" she told me right in front of this girl. Mamma didn't like that girl, so I stopped taking her over to the house. But the next girl I brought home, Mamma did like.

The first time I took Cathy over to Mamma's house, Mamma looked at Cathy and said, "That's her." Mamma had never seen Cathy before in her life. I'd actually only taken Cathy by the house because I had to stop in and get something. We were just dropping by when Mamma met Cathy for the first time.

Mamma said, "This is the woman you're going to marry."

"Mamma," I said, "come here. I don't want to marry this girl. I just want to date her."

"The Lord has already told me, Jesse. She's the

girl. That's her. It's over with. I know who your wife is going to be."

After that, Mamma started to go to work on Cathy to get her saved. She started working on Cathy, and Cathy did get saved. Cathy called Mamma up one day and told her so. Mamma said, "Well, put that heathen on the phone."

I got on the phone and said, "Yeah, Mom, what do you want?"

"We're going to get you next," she said. "Yeah, we're going to get you."

"I understand that, Mamma," I said.

What made Mamma do that? She made Jesus a real part of her life. I'm telling you, Mamma made Jesus so much a part of her life that she was always saying something about God. Jesus was her future, and Jesus was going to be the future of her children and grandchildren, the future of her family. Through her prayers she brought all of us to the knowledge of God every one of us. We were a bunch of heathens before we got saved. We were some devils.

But, because Mamma kept on praying for her family like that, we all got saved. One person who persevered in prayer over her loved ones made that much of a difference.

Do you have people you love who are not saved? This story can help you, because it shows you the power of one person's prayers. Don't ever give up on praying and witnessing to lost loved ones in your family. God will honor your prayers. In Southeast Louisiana, we celebrate everything with a good meal! We know you will love this delightful and easy-to-make Cajun recipe. Try it with your family and be blessed as you fellowship around the dinner table!

#### Jesse's Mother Velma's Chicken Gumbo

1/3 cup cooking oil
1/3 cup flour
2 chickens cut and separated
2 smoked sausage links cut in 1/8" slices
1-inch slab luncheon meat cut in 1/2" cubes
2 packages of wieners (cut in 1/2" slices if desired)
1 large onion, chopped
1 tablespoon ground gumbo filé

Cover bottom of 5–8 quart pot with vegetable oil and add flour. Stir frequently on medium heat until dark brown. Add chopped onion and sauté until translucent. Fill pot halfway with water and stir until the oil and flour mixture (roux) and water are blended thoroughly. Add chicken, sausage, luncheon meat, and wieners. Boil 35 minutes and add more water, filling pot to 3/4 full while boiling. Turn off heat. Sprinkle filé and stir. Cover for 10 minutes. Lift cover and skim off excess oil. Stir and serve with hot rice

This recipe and many more are found within Jesse's book, "Jambalaya for the Soul." Order your copy today at jdm.org!



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# EXPAND Jour Vision

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Instead of looking at where you've been or even where you are, why not allow God to expand your vision of where you can go? That is exactly what Abraham did many thousands of years ago. The Bible tells us that when he was seventy-five years old, God told him,

... Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and

curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:1-3

What was so special about this man? Out of all the people that had been born into the earth since the creation, why did God choose to use him? While researching this question, I discovered that Abraham was born twenty generations from Adam, in the 1948<sup>th</sup> year after creation.

Hebrew commentaries call the first two thousand years from creation "The Era of Desolation" because it was during this time period that Adam fell, Abel was murdered, ten generations were washed away in the flood, and ten more rebellious generations failed to seek and serve God. Then, in the 2000<sup>th</sup> year after creation, four years after the Dispersion of Babel and six years before the death of Noah, Abraham started to serve God and ushered in what has been called "The Dispensation of Promise."

God had finally found someone on the earth that would obey Him and walk by faith. When Abraham left his country, kindred, and the security of his father's house, he didn't know where he was going. He was trusting God to direct him every step of the way. However, Abraham made the mistake of bringing his nephew on the journey, and it wasn't long before strife broke out between the two groups of herdsmen. The conflict was resolved when Abraham and Lot separated. It was at this point that Abraham was at a place where he could again hear from God and get clear directions for his future. It was time to expand his vision.

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Genesis 13:14-17

Basically, God was telling him, 'If you can see it, you can have it.' As Abraham lifted up his eyes to look at all of the land to the north, south, east and west, he expanded his vision. The word *expand* means "to increase the size, volume, quantity, or scope of; enlarge."

When Abraham walked the length and breadth of the land, he was increasing the size of his vision. Each dusty step must have reminded him of God's amazing promise to make his seed as the dust of the earth. There is no way that Abraham could count all the hairs on his own head, let alone the dust of the earth! God was telling him that there are no limits when you walk in obedience to Him. He was experiencing expansion.

#### **Keep Pushing Your Limits**

This reminds me of a military recruiting commercial I once saw. The commercial showed images of young men and women going through a series of very strenuous exercises. In scene after scene, the soldiers were continually pushing themselves beyond what seemed humanly possible. A voice on the commercial said, "If you keep pushing your limits,



"For I have known (chosen, acknowledged) him (as My own), so that he may teach and command his children and the sons of his house after him to keep the way of the Lord and to do what is just and righteous, so that the Lord may bring Abraham what He has promised him." Genesis 18:19 (AMPC)

you won't have any."

The military gets it. They know that with the proper training, discipline, and dedication, *anyone* can push their limits until there aren't any boundaries—only challenges. Instead of stopping at obstacles, a soldier focuses on overcoming them. Failure is never an option. They know that every battle is another opportunity for victory.

The only limits we have are the ones that we place upon ourselves. Mark 9:23 says, *"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*" Faith in God's Word opened the Red Sea, shut lions' mouths, and opened prison doors. Never underestimate the power of belief. There is no limit to those that put their trust in God.

#### A Multi-Generational Vision

When God spoke to Abraham, He wasn't just thinking about him. God had a plan to bless all the families of the earth through the seed of Abraham. God's vision is always multi-generational and global. The key ingredient to seeing this come to pass is clear in the following verse of scripture:

For I have known (chosen, acknowledged) him [as My own], so that he may teach and command his children and the sons of his house after him to keep the way of the Lord and to do what is just and righteous, so that the Lord may bring Abraham what He has promised him. Genesis 18:19 (AMPC)

Notice that the promise is conditional. Each generation after Abraham must keep (guard, protect, attend to) the way of the Lord so that all the families of the earth can be blessed. God chose Abraham *on* purpose for *His* purpose because He knew that Abraham would be diligent to teach and command his children to keep the way of the Lord so that His blessing promise could continue in the earth.

Abraham was faithful to teach his children the value of training each generation after them. Even in famine, his son Isaac prospered and received one hundredfold increase in the same year that he sowed in the land (Genesis 26:12). Isaac, Jacob, and their children continued the family tradition and walked in the blessing of God. All of Abraham's children watched him operate in faith and follow the example that he learned firsthand from his God.

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before Him Whom he believed, even God, Who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed [credited] to him for righteousness [justified by God]. Romans 4:17-22

Abraham learned everything that he knew about faith from God. Since God "called those things which be not as though they were" in order to create the world by faith, then Abraham had to apply the same principle to become the father of many nations. He expanded his vision and trained his children because he understood the multi-generational vision of God.

#### A Child Needs Training

I heard an old story about a child who was amazed by something on his grandmother's mantle. On the mantle stood a glass bottle with a very small neck . . . and a full-grown red apple sitting at the bottom of the bottle. The boy examined the bottle to see if it had a removable bottom or a seam in the back, but there was neither. He couldn't figure out how that big apple got inside of that bottle. Then one day, while walking in the garden, he saw a tree with a bottle attached to the end of a branch. Upon closer examination, he recognized a tiny apple growing inside the bottle. Mystery solved.

Do you want to know how to put God into your children? Surround them with His Word when they are small and they will keep it when they grow old. Children thrive in an atmosphere of love and consistent godly living. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

That just about covers every activity of life. So, when you sit down for a family meal, tell your child about God's vision to bless all the families and nations of the earth. Then, while walking with your child, you can share Bible stories and what it means to walk by faith. Always teach them about His love, kindness, and peace when putting them down to sleep. And each time they rise up, impart your enthusiasm for God and the opportunities of a new day.

#### Increase of God's Word = Increase of Vision

The apostle Paul was greatly used by God to heal the sick, raise the dead, and spread the Gospel throughout the known world. He experienced a vision when he encountered Jesus on the Damascus road, but that was just the beginning of his journey.

In Acts 26:19-20, he proclaimed the he was "... not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: but shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance."

He continued to grow in God by reading the scriptures and walking in obedience every single day. Increase of vision is always the result of a consistent increase of God's Word.

Have you ever eaten at an "All-You-Can-Eat" restaurant? If you have and are like most people, each time you visit that place, you're able to eat more and more. After a while, you notice that your bulging body needs bigger clothes. It didn't happen on the first few trips to the 100-item food bar, but daily visits were destined to produce certain results. Increase is coming. Expansion is inevitable.

The same is true with the vision that God has for your glorious life. God doesn't want you in the dark about His great plan. It will take time to get revelation of the great vision of all that He has planned, but keep up those daily visits and feast upon His Word. Take "All-You-Can-Get" from His Word and experience the fullness of His blessings. Push your limits and experience your unlimited God. Expansion is inevitable!

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