

BROKEN 5 – Broken Limitations

OPENING THOUGHT: When you dream about your life, is the DREAM so much bigger than the REALITY?

→ *Is that true for you? If so, how? What are the frustrations & disappointments, the unfulfilled dreams? What's missing?*

Are there BARRIERS you just seem to keep hitting, CHAINS you just can't break, BRICK WALLS you can't climb & DOORS you can't prise open? Limitations are BARRIERS, WALLS, CEILINGS God didn't put there, but repeatedly, annoyingly & damagingly HOLD YOU BACK.

→ *What are the differences between idols, strongholds & limitations?*

→ *Why are limitations self-imposed? Why is it tempting to blame other people instead? Do you ever blame God & are you right to do so?*

→ *Have you convinced yourself any of your personal limitations are immovable? Which ones & why?*

Possible Personal LIMITATIONS

- i) Doubt & Unbelief
- ii) Pride & Self-Reliance
- iii) Fear & Anxiety
- iv) Bitterness & Unforgiveness
- v) Apathy or Indifference
- vi) Impatience & Impulsiveness
- vii) Critical or Negative Spirit

→ *Any of those limiting you, if you're honest? Why are they dangerous?*

The DANGER: Because we feed them, they slowly begin to take root & in time develop into IDOLS, STRONGHOLDS or a LIMITATION we need God's help to break.

The STALEMATE: After a while, we come to the conclusion we're simply STUCK with them, so we GIVE UP and SETTLE.

- * Eph 3:20 tells us God is NOT the LIMITING FACTOR.
- * We also know that the enemy is a DEFEATED FOE.
- * Fortunately, we have a Bible written to help us BUST any SELF-IMPOSED limitations.

→ *Have you reached stalemate? Describe what that looks like. Have you ever been there in the past, but broken free? If so, how?*

The SOLUTION: To be found in the following ...

1. Choosing to be RADICALLY RESPONSIVE (James 4:6-8)

- * To the HUMBLE, God gives GRACE upon GRACE.
- * i.e. Stop RESISTING, DENYING, AVOIDING & RUN to God.
- * If you're properly SURRENDERED to God, when you RESIST the enemy, he is OBLIGATED by God's Word to FLEE.

→ *What does it mean to be 'radically responsive?' How does that posture bust limitations?*

→ *Are you resisting in any areas of your life? If so, what & why? And why is the answer total surrender?*

2. Pursuing the FEAR OF THE LORD (Psalm 84:11)

- * To those who WALK UPRIGHTLY, the divine hand of FAVOUR is WIDE OPEN.
- * Matt 5:8, Josh 3:5, Heb 12:14, Ps 24:3-5

→ *Define the Fear of the Lord. What does it mean to 'walk uprightly?'*

→ *Why or how is sin the cause of limitations? And how is the Fear of the Lord the solution?*

Obedience & disobedience both produce CONSEQUENCES:

- * One produces FREEDOM, the other BONDAGE.
- * One OPENS DOORS, the other CLOSES them.
- * One creates OPPORTUNITIES, the other LIMITATIONS.

Don't GRIEVE, QUENCH or RESIST God, because if you do, there's the LIMITING FACTOR right there.

→ *How, potentially, do we grieve or quench the Holy Spirit & why does that as a direct consequence place limits on your life?*

3. Catching the SPIRIT OF FAITH (Mark 9:23-24)

- * "All things are POSSIBLE to those that BELIEVE."
- * One of the greatest limiters is lack of EXPECTATION.
- * Our Christianity becomes entirely NATURAL and fails to give any room for the SUPERNATURAL.
- * We limit ourselves to SAFE, COMFORTABLE, RITUAL & REPEATABLE & there's a ceiling over our heads called, "The BEST we can do."
- * Faith can be TAUGHT (get into the WORD) & CAUGHT (get around PEOPLE of faith).

→ *"The danger is that we don't expect God to do anything, we don't come ready & prepared for God to move and we don't ask Him for fear of disappointment." Why do people reach that state? What potentially happens if they do? What are the root causes & how do we reignite that expectation?*