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BEYOND EARTHLY LIMITATIONS

“Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you ... who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.”

Many of us have heard the revelation that what “sits as God in the temple” refers to our own thoughts. So vivid are these illusions in our mind’s eye that we cannot see beyond the shadow their image casts—giving our illusions the power and authority to rule our lives.

In a vision a man walked through a doorway set in a campfire—closer observation revealed he had broken through mirrored glass. Thinking that there must be a spiritual concept for why the doorway was in the fire I waited to hear the interpretation and heard someone say, "It’s not enough to come to it or to know about it, but to breakthrough it!" The objective for walking into the bonfire at this particular juncture was to access a portal into a supernatural realm—their appearance changed once they broke through.

The difference between a mirror and a window is the metal film coating on one side making it ‘reflective’ instead of transparent. The mirror creates an illusion of reality. In our mind’s eye we believe what we see is true and therefore it is difficult to ever get past our own ‘reflection’ of who we think we are. Consequently Paul says that these thoughts not only oppose God but reign as god in the temple of our minds because we believe the illusion is true and bow to it.

The spiritual portal awaiting us is accessed by getting past our limited reflection. If we only see who and what we are in our mind’s eye we never breakthrough the false

reality to see who and what we are in Christ. That is why the mirror was shattered. Jesus violently rent the veil covering in the temple—tearing it apart to create a portal for us to walk through. He shattered the false images and limitations of our own reflection, the veil that so cleverly restrained us from ever going further in Him. The violent take the kingdom by force—we must literally break into it!

“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

We actually break through and discover *“the goal of the upward call of God through Christ Jesus”* when we reach beyond our own restraints to enter the operation of God. We break through the mirror by discarding our self identification of imperfections—the image of who we think we are. Instead we think of the goal of the upward call of who we are in Christ. The fiery trial is not to stop us but rather mirrors what we are to break through—the fiery trial reveals the doorway to our breakthrough into the miraculous splendor of Christ!

The mirror image of our marred reality has us living a limited life because we cannot see past ourselves—past what we think we are able to do. We cannot break through if we are stopped by the false reality—coming up short of the image of who we really are ... hitting up against the impenetrable facade we consider real ... running into the limitations that veil us from seeing who we really are in Christ. Those who go through the doorway literally draw the line on their past by moving beyond the illusion to gain insight into the realm of possibility; they gain a wealth of new information that substantiates the truth and eliminates the lie—they see Him as He really is!

If we feel stuck means we discovered the doorway of our break through. This is why Jacob’s ladder has such significance—he was stuck! He didn’t know where he was going and questioned whether he would even live to see another day. Jacob was part of the problem that he created and desperately needed to get beyond himself to find a solution. God shows him the doorway of breakthrough in his trial—that it is accessed by going up the ladder. Jacob is so awed by the encounter that he sets a rock up and anoints it with oil and makes a promise to God.

Years later Jacob again sees the limitations of his own reflection and knows he is not going anywhere—doesn’t even know where he could go because of the mess his sons made. In his eyes he sees failure—not just in his life but in his sons as well. God sends him back to Bethel to actually breakthrough the doorway to access the power of the spiritual realm. At this breakthrough juncture his name is changed by God to Israel—now he is not fighting against the reflection of his old nature but breaks through to have authority and influence with God and man.

Jacob has his identity changed—no longer a supplanter he has power with God and men. Jacob is taken out of his own setting to grow the promise—not restrained by his personal interpretation he is carried into the vastness of Egypt where Israel eventually

grows to a multitude. On his deathbed Israel sees his sons before him but blesses the tribes of Israel—thereafter the nations recognize Israel not as a man but as a mighty nation.

If we feel stuck it usually means we are doubtful of our next step. Not knowing what to do is really being stuck between a rock and a hard place. The closed door may be an area of resistance that has outlived its usefulness. If we fight change then we are resisting the very thing that gives us more freedom and remain stuck because we do not see a way out. That is why Jesus says He is the stumbling block or the rock of offense—He wants us to be stuck so that the familiar habits that did not get us anywhere can be reevaluated and discarded as we take advantage of the opportunity of expanding and growing our identity in Christ. It is a step towards transforming virtually every area of our being!

Many of us remember a line that Clint Eastwood made famous, "A man has to know his limitations." It really is good to know our limitations. We each have a measure of rule which has definite authority and influence according to our vocation and calling. A politician knows that his influence is limited to the district he represents, same as a judge has jurisdiction over his courtroom or a farmer has great accountability in his farmyard but not in another man's field.

People who do not know their physical limitations will find their excessiveness may endanger their health; such as with alcohol or overeating. Others find that they are held captive to their weaknesses and cannot put a limit on their spending or gambling, etc. If we draw the line and create limitations for our good, we become a law unto ourselves. If we are unable to draw the line (self-control) and limit ourselves, then we become subject to a higher jurisdiction that may even choose to incarcerate us if we are a menace to society.

Knowing your own limitations is self-consciousness—seeing in a mirror; but God consciousness is seeing through or seeing beyond self into His unlimited possibilities and operations. We are limited if we only see imperfection, what is wrong with us or lacking in us. This is why Joseph was not limited in his prison—he wasn't looking at himself. Instead Joseph saw the possibility beyond where he was and willingly stepped through 'whatever' to access the divine to help his family. His door of opportunity was a literal fire ... the doorway really was a mirror that reflected his limitations ... yet Joseph broke through 'whatever' was before him in the natural to access a portal into the divine—his dreams were a picture of possibility for the well being of his family!

Seeing in a mirror dimly reveals that we have a tendency to be spiritually blinded in some areas. Yet if we view these as challenges and are determined to break through, we will—we breakthrough because Jesus already did. The barriers are removed so we can walk in another dimension with Him. "*For the joy set before Him He endured the cross*" is getting past our limited view of who we think we are.

Each of us has a purpose in Him and once we discover what He has planned for us, we are determined "*to will and to do of His good pleasure.*" We walk past our earthly

limitations to enter into the supernatural ... not doubting but rather we will to do, create, and consequently manifest of His good pleasure.

There are no limitations in the Spirit. We cannot have the Spirit in access. Although we have a measure of the Spirit within us, in Him we are limitless! In Him we are connected with the Source of all power and everything that He has is ours! We live and move and have our being in His dimension. We transcend the physical dimension to see beyond the earthly reality and access unlimited potential in the supernatural.

In conclusion, problems are obstacles and challenges that must be dealt with or we remain stuck. If we can look beyond ourselves ... further than the pain of the moment ... past the limiting reflection in the mirror and connect our thoughts to His ... then we attach ourselves to His train of thought that activates creativity and inspiration. We access the portal past our limitations and enter into the unstoppable and unlimited possibility of God Almighty!

Like an express train picking up speed, we are connecting with God's train of thought—His plan for our future and our hope propels us forward with a profound velocity that causes us to enter a new arena of opportunity. Jesus already pressed through the veil that restrained us ... we pick up momentum as we follow after Him in the same determination *to will and to do of His good pleasure*. Our determination changes our life and becomes the impetus for overcoming resistance by providing the energy or motivation to reach our destiny. We breakthrough the framework of old habits and mental patterns that once held us back and become aware and determined to be empowered in our true identity in Christ!

In the vision the trials were not for destruction but for access into another dimension. If we view our trials as challenges that can lead to a breakthrough then; just as Jesus tore through the veil in the temple—we likewise breakthrough the veiled mirror of our minds and move into the realm of the supernatural. In the vision empowerment came through viewing our trials as obstacles that can be broken through. Whatever the limitation is, when we breakthrough we come into a higher level of spiritual awareness, truth and transparency.

Whenever we identify with God, we become like Him. As we allow His power and authority to sit in the temple (our mind) and rule we are being transformed. We believe Him when He says, *"I know the thoughts I have for you, to give you a future and a hope"* and are therefore determined to know His calling on our lives.

It's an extraordinary thing to be in the mind of God—having the mind of Christ. If we are in His mind then we are determined, resolute and single-minded in our pursuit *"to will and to do of His good pleasure"* ... and tremendous things happen.

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