No Limits-No Boundaries

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No matter who you are; we all tend to be influenced by our environment and past experiences in some way. Our decisions and choices can be a reflection of:

- Our childhood
- School
- Work
- Social activities
- Church
- Friends

Based on experiences, we typically put boundaries on our lives. Those boundaries and limitations are not intentional, but this is how it is for most people and we tend to carry those boundaries over to our children. We predetermine their ability and put limitations on them based on our opinions, personal baggage and history.

The Lord's Word tells us that we are to raise our children in the Word and by faith in the Word.

The Bible says:

"For with God nothing is impossible." (Luke 1:37 NKJV)

This is such a powerful scripture and is hard for most people to believe. They quote it and say they believe it, but their actions say something different. This verse is the response from the angel Gabriel when asked by Mary, the mother of Jesus, how she was going to have a child since she was a virgin.

God is SO MUCH HIGHER than our problems, pain and perceived impossibilities and NOTHING is impossible with Him.

Mary's question got her an answer that forced her to focus on the greatness of who God is and what He can accomplish even though it is impossible for us in the natural to do. This was a young girl, through her simple believing was part of changing history.

When we depend on our own strength and wisdom; we do our children a disservice because we are not teaching them about the power and abilities of the God we serve. We do them a disservice, when we don't speak life and greatness over them and teach them to speak God's Word over themselves.

For nothing is impossible with God. The same God who brought Jesus back to life can save your children and they will have eternal life. Don't give up on God or your children because He hasn't given up on you or them.

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Don't measure what children can accomplish through your eyes, but see them through the eyes of God based on His Word. In John 14:12, Jesus talks about the greater works.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." (John 14:12)

The works that Jesus spoke of were not based on a person's age or stature; they were simply based on believing in Him. Teach this to your children!

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper" (Isaiah 54:17 NJKV) – Teach this to your children!

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1 John 4:4 NKJV) Teach this to your children!

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"(Philippians 4:13 NKJV)

If you just read the first part of this verse "I can do all things", it would immediately sound like pride or arrogance. This was the spirit that attempted to build the tower of Babel. Arrogance and pride was the downfall of men like Saul or Pharaoh.

The next two words in the verse put it all in perspective "through Christ." It is not pride or conceit in one's own ability when making this statement; it only shows their dependency on Christ…I can do all things through Christ! It is one thing for someone to say, "I can do all things." It is quite different to confess, "I can do all things through Christ."

To get the impact of this scripture in Philippians, you must stop and think about what you couldn't do without Jesus.

You could not have eternal life
You could not be redeemed from the curse of the law
You could not have direct access to the Father
You would not have the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth.
Without Him, we could not defeat the devil.

Jesus said to His disciples:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John15:5 NKJV)

"I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and delivered Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20).

Elijah did great works and there were no limits on the miracles that he did, but Elisha did many more works than Elisha (see 2 Kings 2:9-10).

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Deuteronomy tells us to teach our kids when we wake up, when we walk with them and talk to them. Our children have faith and a spirit just like we as adults do and Jesus never put an age limit or boundaries when He said greater works shall you do because I go to my Father.

There was a young boy that was overlooked by his father and brother. He was given the most unwanted tasks and left to do his work alone. He defeated a lion and a bear and took down a giant. He grew up to be a mighty man of God and King of Israel…his name was David.

There was another boy that had a dream, but was put in a pit by his brothers because of their jealousy. He was falsely accused by another man's wife and put in jail to rot. There was no limitation on his dream and God turned things around. He became second in command to Pharaoh and help save a nation. His name was Joseph.

What about a young man that was born in Atlanta, Georgia. At 21 he became a minister at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. He was put in jail, dogs attacked him and people called him names; but he never stopped fighting for what he believed. He was born Michael but changed his name to Martin. He won a Nobel Prize in 1964. His name was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I'm thinking of another person that was born in Hawaii and raised by his mother with the assistance of his grandparents. He worked his way through college with the help of scholarships and began to serve his country as a community activist. He became a Senator and on January 29, 2009 he was sworn into office as the President of the United States of America. His name is Barack H. Obama.

If there had been limits or boundaries placed on any of the above person's lives, things may have been different for us all.

I challenge you as you talk to and pray for your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews; to speak the Word over their lives. Determine you will not put limits on their lives; teach them to trust God and to walk by faith, not by sight. In Christ there are no boundaries or limits!

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