

Remodel | Part 2 | Limits

Limits: God's Grace in disguise

Takeaway: Limits are a Biblical mandate but not a cultural one. They are God's gift to us in disguise.

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REMODEL

TODAY:

Theology of limits

- Genesis - all trees are to be eaten of BUT that ONE (limit)
- Sabbath

We like to think of our self as limitless

We like to celebrate people who overcome limitations

Limits, when embraced can be a gift,
a pathway to something beyond our effort, something else:

GOD HIMSELF

ILL. Zootopia: You can do or be anything you want

- Two foxes - “He loves all things elephant... and you little guy, you wanna be an elephant when you grow up, you be an elephant, because this is zootopia where anyone can be anything.”
- Zootopia - where anyone can be anything.
- ILL. Scott - NOT A JOCKEY
 - Wikipedia - Jockey - Though there is no height limit for jockeys, they are usually fairly short due to the weight limits. Jockeys typically stand **around 4 ft 10 in (147 cm) to 5 ft 7 in (170 cm)**

YOU HAVE LIMITS - HUMAN NOT GOD

You can not be and do whatever you want:

you are a human, He is God

Q: What are your limits in this season?

Limits in this season are:

- Things that are hard
- Things that create struggle or resentment
 - Children raising
 - Children with special needs
 - Caring for an aging parent and their needs
 - Emotions (prone to depression, isolation, anger)
 - Scars from the past
 - Physical Body - ailments
 - Single
 - Married
 - Season of life

- Teenager
- 20s
- Middle aged
- Golden Girls
- Human intellectual capacity
- Spiritual limitations - giftings & talents
- Past failures - criminal records
- Past decisions
- English not first language - immigranition
- Papers - citizenship
- Financial limitations - debt
- Extraversion & Introversion
- Detailers & Creatives

WRITE THEM DOWN

- Shamed by them
- Hide them
- Deny them

or

- Embraced them
- Celebrated them
- Informed by them

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Paul - greatest Christian ever?

- Corinthian Leaders:
 - "Paul, can't even speak well... listen to us instead."
- Paul Response:
 - "I could speak out of my exceedingly great revelations... but I choose to boast instead in my weaknesses."

Thorn in the Flesh:

- A physical ailment
- An emotional or spiritual weakness (anger, enneagram 8)
- Massive amounts of people who want to kill him

"In order to keep my from being conceited - God allowed this..."

Pride = acting independently of God

Humility = being pressed to the ground (grounded) - we need God

ILL. \$100 or \$1,000 with \$900 credit limit

- You spend more intentionally
- You spend more carefully
- You spend more slowly

1. LIMITS ARE A GIFT

2 Corinthians 4:7-11

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ([Exod. 20:8-11](#))

2. LIMITS ARE A DELIGHT

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3. LIMITS ARE A DOOR

Our hands have opposable thumbs, which means we are designed to handle things, do delicate work, pick up objects and use them. We might be more limited in speed than a cheetah, but our thumbs allow us to become creators and artists. The limit tells us who we are and what we're meant to do. - The body is God's Design

Matthew 7:13-14

13 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Doors that open the way to:

- Humility
- Depth of communion with Jesus
- Revelation of Jesus
- His Direction
 - He is using limits to get you to a certain path - a road
- His Mission
 - How do I use what is in my hand instead of chasing what isn’t
- His Power

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