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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt the sting of imposter syndrome? It is that nagging feeling that you do not really belong, that you are not qualified enough, or that you are just one mistake away from being exposed as a fraud. It is a self-imposed limit, a ceiling we place on our own potential based on fear and doubt. We see it in the workplace, in our relationships, and even in our spiritual lives. We hesitate to step up, speak out, or pursue the dreams God has placed in our hearts because we have convinced ourselves that we are not enough.

This internal narrative is one of the most powerful forces holding us back. But the good news is that God's vision for our lives is not restricted by our insecurities. The Kingdom of God operates on a different economy of power, one that does not depend on our own strength or resume. The Apostle Paul understood this truth deeply. From a prison cell, facing uncertainty and hardship, he penned one of the most powerful declarations of faith, a statement that shatters our self-imposed limitations and points us to the true source of our strength.

KEY POINTS

1. Our Greatest Limits Are Often Self-imposed

God declares, "For I know the plans I have for you...plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." This promise reveals a divine ambition for our lives that is boundless and good. Yet, we often live in a much smaller story. We allow fear of failure, fear of judgment, and the painful memories of past hurts to build walls around our potential. Like Elsa in *Frozen*, we hide our power, afraid of what might happen if we let it show. To step into the future God has planned, we must first be willing to let go. We must consciously release the self-doubt and negative self-talk that keep us trapped. This is an act of faith, choosing to believe God's report about us over our own insecurities. What lie about your own potential are you ready to release today?

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2. True Strength Is Found In Surrender To Christ

Paul's famous declaration, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," is not a mantra for worldly self-help or a ticket to personal success. It is a profound statement of dependence. Notice the crucial phrase: "through Christ." Paul's confidence was not in his own ability, but in the limitless power of Christ working through him. He could face abundance and scarcity, joy and suffering, because his stability was not tied to his circumstances but to his connection with the Savior. This is the opposite of the world's message of hustle and self-reliance. The Kingdom calls us to surrender our own efforts and find our strength in a source outside of ourselves. True power is not achieved, it is received. It flows not when we are strong, but when we are humble enough to admit our weakness and rely completely on Him.

3. Limitless Power Is For Selfless Purpose

Jesus tells his followers, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." The strength we receive from Christ is not meant for our own comfort or personal gain. It is a resource to be stewarded for the good of others and the glory of God. When we are empowered by Christ, we are empowered for a mission. This power compels us to move beyond our personal concerns and engage with the world's brokenness. It equips us to fight for justice, to care for the marginalized, and to be a voice for the voiceless. A limitless life is not about having no problems, but about using God's limitless power to bring solutions, hope, and healing to the problems around us. Our strength finds its ultimate purpose when it is poured out in love and service to others.

Stepping into a life with no limits is a journey that begins with intentional choices. It starts by taking inventory of the fears and insecurities that have defined your boundaries and consciously handing them over to God. This is a daily, sometimes hourly, act of surrender. It means choosing to believe in the future God has for you more than you believe in the failures of your past.

From that place of release, we find the freedom to truly depend on Christ. This is not passive. It is an active reliance, a constant turning toward Him in prayer, in worship, and in the reading of Scripture. It is about understanding that our ability to make a difference is not rooted in our talent, our intellect, or our resources, but in His presence flowing through us. This strength is given to us for a reason, and that reason is always tied to love and justice. God empowers us so that we can empower others. He strengthens us to stand for those who are weak. A limitless life in Christ is a life given away in service to a world in desperate need of hope. It is a call to use our divine influence to challenge unjust systems, advocate for economic equity, and reflect the compassionate heart of our Creator.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What is one self-imposed limitation, rooted in fear or past experience, that you can consciously surrender to God this week?
2. In what area of your life are you relying on your own strength instead of actively depending on the power of Christ?
3. How can you use the strength and influence God has given you to advocate for justice or serve someone in your community in a tangible way?
