

Enlarge, Expand, Trust

Introduction

- Kingdom Come - 'Your Kingdom Come, your will be done.'
- Jesus our King - Not just Saviour but King, ruler, owner of all
- Jesus People - His people, living with his commission
- A deeply relational God - Beautiful, loved, accepted, joy
- A speaking God - Are we listening
- Only do what what you see the Father doing - The key to success

What He Is Saying

"Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child; burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband, " says the Lord. [2]
"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. [3] For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. [4] "Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. [5] For your Maker is your husband---the Lord Almighty is his name---the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth. **Isaiah 54:1-5**

1. Sing and Shout for Joy

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- Words
- Song
- Our words and songs - change atmospheres, create worlds with words

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. **Proverbs 18:21**

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. **Psalms 8:2**

2. Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide

- Tent - the place where you live, how you live, it's the amount of space you live in
- Increase your space - don't stay the same, don't diminish but make more space
- Don't Shrink back but Press forward
- Enlarge, Extend and stretch

Can apply to us:

- Personally - some live in a small tight space in their minds, imaginations, emotions and even spiritually
- Marriage -
- Family -
- World around us -

So many have not experienced spacious large, freedom living.

But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. [17] Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18] And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. **John 10:10**

3. **Do not hold back**

We may hold back:

- Due to a lack of confidence - I can't, not me, not know
- Natural circumstances - It's not a good time to be thinking of enlarging, economy,
- Past experience - I tried and ..,

The blameless spend their days under the Lord's care, and their inheritance will endure forever. [19] In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty. **Psalms 37:18-19**

- Faith
- Courage
- Bold action

I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.... [6] Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them. **Joshua 1:3,6**

4. **Lengthen and strengthen**

- Lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes
- Speaks of foundations
- Structure that holds everything steady steady
- People, rhythm, etc

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, [7] rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6-7**

5. **Increase and posses**

- You will spread out to them right and to the left, your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in desolate cities
- The Lords prophetic promise
- His desire for the desolate, broken places, people and communities
- He desires to touch the nations - loves the peoples

They will **rebuild** the ancient ruins and **restore** the places long devastated; they will **renew** the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. **Isaiah 61:4**

Your people will **rebuild** the ancient ruins and will **raise up** the age-old foundations; you will be called **Repairer** of Broken Walls, **Restorer** of Streets with Dwellings. **Isaiah 58:12**

6. **Do not be afraid** - you will not be put to shame

- Do not be afraid
- Fear of shame, '*Painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the awareness of wrong or foolish behaviour.*'
- You will not be put to shame

7. **Do not fear** disgrace, you will not be humiliated ...

- Do not fear
- Fear of disgrace, '*loss of reputation or respect as the result of a dishonourable action.*'
- Fear of being humiliated, '*to make someone feel ashamed foolish.*'
- DO NOT FEAR - A command

God encourages his followers to fear not 365 times in the Bible, one for each day of the year. He didn't intend for Christians to spend their days preoccupied with anxiety and worry. **Rick Warren**

8. **For your maker is your husband**, the lord almighty...

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The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. **Proverbs 18:10**

- Because of the one who has made the promise - Trustworthy
- Husband - Joined, one

- Lord Almighty -

No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Joshua 1:5