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•Psalm 78:41-42 *Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.*

•No more praise = Limits

•Their worship ceased because they limited God.

•It was not God that was LIMITED but rather their faith.
=What they believed God could do.

•Limited- Caused pain

•it actually hurts God for us to put ANY kind of limitation on Him.

✓ Faith & Worship

•Genesis 22:16 and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord..."

•Christianity has at its core certain pillars that uphold what we believe.

•2 of them are- Faith and Worship

•Interconnected

•Somehow faith helps my worship / worship helps my faith

•So connected- Faith attacked hinders worship

~ Here's the BIG IDEA...

•True worship and faith- Target for both- GOD

•True faith is not believing for something. It is believing in GOD

•True worship is not based on *circumstances*.

•True worship is simply- **God is!**

•If my Faith is not place then my Worship will be out of place.

• The level of your praise is an indicator of what you believe (Faith) is coming your way

•But we have allowed the enemy to put limits on our faith and it is being revealed through our LACK of Praise.

✓ The Limit of Doubt

•Psalms 78:17-22- 17 But they sinned even more against Him By rebelling against the Most High in the wilderness. 18 And they tested God in their heart By asking for the food of their fancy. 19 Yes, they spoke against God: They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, He struck the rock, So that the waters gushed out, And the streams overflowed. Can He give bread also? Can He provide meat for His people?" 21 Therefore the LORD heard this and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, And anger also came up against Israel, 22 Because they did not believe in God, And did not trust in His salvation.

•Can God? Will God? Is God able?

•Can Godders and God canners...

•Don't limit me, limit your desert!

•I think this is why God is SO insulted.

•We make God a super-man

•So God says- If your faith and worship are going to work then let me start by telling you what I'm not.

•I'm not a man!!!

- When I looked to my left- no one was there
- all by my self

•When I went to swear there was no one to hold Me accountable to My word

• God is not faithful because he keeps his word to you. You couldn't do anything about it if he didn't!

•But because we look at Him like a man we believe that He has limitations.

•Story of the sheep in Journey Through Bethlehem

•All it took was one limit to come off for them to take over the city of Bethlehem!

•All it's going to take is ONE limit coming off to take over this city!!!

The Limit of Familiarity

•Not everyone is for you!

•Jesus walked into Nazareth... Watch out for home folk- those close to you!

•Aren't you Mary's son?...

• It's not that God has run out of miracles, everywhere we go in the church we've got limits on God.

•We've limited Him right out of the church. We've limited ourselves out of the miraculous, out of signs and wonders.

•We've limited the supernatural out of our ministers!

•We've got to quit apologizing for the supernatural...

•He could do no mighty works!

• The next chapter... Capernaum

•When God says he's about to take us to a place where we've never been before...*We'll limit ourselves!*

•Gideon- I'm least of my family- who asked your family- who asked your friends?

•God didn't interview my family when He called me. He didn't check my Facebook...

•You went through a divorce, God can't use you much

•Weren't you a drug addict? God can't use you much

•Didn't you have a child as a teenager? God can't use you much

•But you can't allow people to limit you and what God wants to do through you!

The Limit of Lack

•5 loaves 3 fish- Phillip- *If we had 200 penny worth it would not be enough except for each person to take a little.*

•Little mentality

•Elder brother- skinny goat/church people have a skinny goat mentality but the father has a fatted calf mentality.

- **God's about to take the limits off of your mind!!!
You're gonna lose that getting by, scraping by
mentality, barely... take the limits off.**

•10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed (ABUNDANTLY), and enlarge (MULTIPLY, INCREASE, EXCEEDINGLY) my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:10

- OH GOD!- Enlarge our capacity to believe for and receive supernatural provision.

- Renew our minds and open our hearts to think supernatural provision.

- ***What would happen if we as the church decided to take the limits off of God and started to believe for the impossible?***

TAKE THE LIMITS OFF!

•They Lost Their Capacity for Awe

- When they lost their Awe they lost their Praise.
- No more praise = Limits
 - God says- HOLD ON! You're limiting me?
 - God doesn't need you!
- It is the ultimate of arrogance to think the He needs us.
 - He doesn't need your praise. He had that before you were created***
- Then why would he create something He doesn't need?***

- If He didn't create me because He needs me to give him something. Maybe He has so much He desired to give something!

•God desires to be worshipped by a creature that has the capacity of wonder.

- Eagle has never looked at a sunset and said wow
- Fish never says this place is deep.
 - The don't have the capacity for awe

•Awesome- **grossly overused and undervalued word.**

- Your cup of coffee may have been great. But it wasn't awesome.

- Car may be great. But it's not awesome.

- Awesome- Causing awe or terror; inspiring wonder or excitement. a mixed feeling of reverence, fear, and wonder, caused by something MAJESTIC***

- I'm going to create something that has the capacity for awe. wonder, **WOW!**

- He does things to provoke the **WOW**

- 350,000, galaxies- most of which couldn't be seen before the Hubble telescope. Why would He put it all out there?**

- Butterflies taste with their feet.**

- electric eels that are capable of venting a discharge of 600 volts.**

- A cockroach can live for 3 weeks without a head!**

- 225 muscles in the head of a caterpillar.**

•The stomach's digestive acids are strong enough to dissolve zinc. Fortunately for us, the cells in the stomach lining renew so quickly that the acids don't have time to dissolve it.

•**Blood** has a long road to travel: Laid end to end, there are about 60,000 miles of blood vessels in the human body. And the hard-working **heart** pumps about 2,000 gallons of blood through those vessels every day.

•Anything God has made you can get lost in it.

•**No thumb print is the same. No snowflake is the same. *I never come the end of what I'm doing!***

•But some people want to water down the **WONDER**. Silence the **AWE**.

•Jesus on Palm Sunday- tell them to be quiet!

•Here is Jesus. By Him were all things made that are made. For His glory.

•I will get the glory. Even if it has to come from the rocks.

•**I saw something. *It makes more sense for a rock to Praise than for someone that has a WOW moment not to Praise.***

•But some people want to water down the **WONDER**.

•They are more concerned with service times than the Supernatural.

•**Don't expect people to *understand* your praise.**

•They weren't there when the enemy tried to back you up.

•When he tried to KILL you, Steal from you, Destroy you!

•They weren't there when he tried to get you to let up.

•They haven't had a WOW moment. An **AWESOME** moment.

•**Is there anyone in here that can say you've been WOW'd.**

•You've been Awe'd by an **AWESOME** GOD

• **I've seen too much to be quiet!**

•*Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (NKJV)*

Banner Year- The Year of WOW, AWESOME!

•**TAKE THE LIMITS OFF**

•Cancer is going to be healed.- WOW AWESOME!

•Heart conditions-

•That son that you've almost given up on. you're going to turn around and he's going to be walking to the altar-

•Financial-

•See this place double-

