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# NO MORE LIMITS!

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## ISAIAH 54:2-5 - NKJV

*“Sing, O barren, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman, says the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup> For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited. <sup>4</sup> “Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. <sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.”*

Oh, the power of God’s Word. The command to enlarge the place of your tent and stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. It is time to get ready for expansion. It is time to be stretch out and believe for growth. It is time to begin living without limits.

### ***It does not feel like its time!***

Well, this powerful declaration is not being made to one who is living fruitful, but to one who is in fact barren.

Barren means:

- Not capable of producing offspring
- Sterile
- Unproductive
- Unfruitful
- Not having the capacity to attract (barren land).

### ***God’s Word to those who are barren is this:***

**ISAIAH 54:1** ~ *“Sing, O barren, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman, says the LORD.”*

It is not your circumstance that brings a breakthrough, it’s the Word of God coming into your circumstance that brings the breakthrough.

You may be feeling fruitless and barren, you may be feeling like a failure, or your faith may have been suffocated from lack of opportunity, but the time has now come for release.

### ***It is time to activate your faith and begin to sing:***

- *“Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.” (Isaiah 49:13)*
- *“Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.” (Jeremiah 20:13)*

### ***For your breakthrough is at hand:***

- What has not been producing, is about to ignite into production
- What you have limited *yourself* to, is about to explode with fiery purpose
- The pythons that have been restricting you are about to be put to death
- The negative walls that have been erected in your thinking, are about to be destroyed!

### ***Break-away and break-through by actioning your faith:***

**ISAIAH 54:2** ~ *“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.”*

*This is a powerful command, and one that can be obeyed today, through faith...*

- Before you see the fruit of a larger tent, you need to first get a larger tent
- To catch more fish, you first need to find a larger net
- To see the sick and lame healed, you first need to begin praying for them
- To get to a new destination, you first must pick up your mat and start walking

### ***Enlarge your tent... What has Jesus told you to do?***

- *“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (Romans 10:17)*
- *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” (Hebrews 11:1)*

It is time to activate your faith through obedience, and enlarge the place of your tent, so you can burst forth in power and accomplish all that Jesus has purposed for you; remembering you have not been redeemed through the Blood of Christ to live according to the limitations of man, nor have you reached your unlimited potential that Jesus has placed within you today.

- *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)*
- *“For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall.” (Psalm 18:29)*
- *It is time to receive the Word of God and allow the Holy Spirit to strip you of every limitation you (and others) have placed upon yourself.*

### ***An old tent story:***

My family enjoy camping. Many years ago, we inherited my In-laws old tent. It fit the purpose of the day, but from the outside it looked like an old sack. It was the oldest looking tent in any campground visited, and we would often be looked down upon as being second-rate.

As time passed this tent became far too old, and became too small for our growing family, but we did not have the financial resources to upgrade; this was our lot, so we just had to deal with it.

*Until one day...*

We were camping one Christmas season, and encountered a severe windstorm on the West Coast of New Zealand, and our old potato-sack tent was torn to pieces. Our holiday abruptly came to an end and we had no option but to pack up and head for home; not before making a brief stop at the local rubbish tip to dump our broken tent in the waste. We now had no tent for our family to camp.

*Little did we know, but God was about to stretch our tent/faith and lengthen our cords...*

The following Christmas season was fast approaching, and we had no tent to camp in, however, in faith we booked a camp site in the South Island of New Zealand. We trusted God would come through with a miracle for us.

Time ticked by and Christmas edged closer, and we still had no tent, but we had a strong belief that God would come through for us, if we continued to walk in faith, and didn't mention our need to anyone.

*And then...*

One afternoon, not long before we were booked for our Christmas holiday, my phone rang, and it was a friend from Church who asked if we wanted their tent. I said *"Yes, we would love to borrow your tent!"*

But our friend said *"No, do you want a tent? We want to give your family our tent."*

I was absolutely stunned. God had come through for us in a big way, a miraculous way!

Now the tent we received was not an old potato-sack that had previously succumbed to the elements, this tent was a new condition, three roomed mansion. It was beautiful, with a sunroom and room to walk around in. It also came with a custom electrical system of lights and many other quality camping goods. Praise Jesus!

### ***Allow the stretching or be broken:***

What we had initially started off with had become too confined over time. It was too old (living in the past), and no longer suitable for growth, because when it came under pressure and was stretched, it ripped. Because of its inability to be stretched out, it had to be taken away so new could come.

Through the goodness of God, and the activation of faith, our old tent was enlarged, and we received an abundance over what we could have ever thought possible at the time. We are still camping in this tent today.

### ***How does this relate?***

- The tent is the modern-day church, your ministry, or current circumstance
- You may be looking/feeling old, weak, irrelevant, broken, and looked down upon, but the Word of God is saying you are about to be enlarged

- The tent you are currently operating out of is keeping you confined, and is no longer big enough for what is about to break forth in your life
- What may seem like your loss or failure, is preparing you for your enlargement; you cannot put new wine in old wineskins (see Mark 2:22)
- It is time to enlarge your vision and strengthen your faith, trusting in Christ Jesus, who can do exceedingly and abundantly more than you could ever imagine (see Ephesians 3:20)

### ***Expansion can erupt in a mere moment:***

**ISAIAH 54:3** ~ *“For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited.”*

This term of *expansion* alludes to the initial promise of multiplication that God gave to Abraham (see Genesis 13:16; 22:17) which was later enforced to Jacob:

- *“Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed”* (Genesis 28:14)

This promise may have seemed *too big a promise* at the time, but *at the right time* an explosion took place that caused miraculous growth to come from Heaven.

The Apostles and Disciples of Christ (120 in total) were praying in the Upper Room waiting to receive the Promise of the Father (the empowering of the Holy Spirit), and in a mere moment the Holy Spirit burst on the scene like mighty rushing wind and burning fire, and empowered the people. From then on, the Gospel of Christ exploded into the world like never before:

- In one moment, men became empowered with the Holy Spirit; those who were once fisherman, were now moving in the power of God
- Peter was instantly transformed and began to preach with Power and Authority; no longer limited by fear
- In one day three thousand souls were added to the Kingdom of God
- From that day the Gospel has covered the earth, and multitudes of people have been grafted into that *seed* through Jesus Christ
- Now that is dynamic growth and expansion – there were no more limitations!!!

The Word of God brings explosive expansion at the right time, and when God’s Word comes forth you need to get ready for an overflow - Where you have previously been confined to one area, one roll, one method, one catchment, you are now about to receive a mighty breakthrough.

- *“As waters break out, the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me.”* (2 Samuel 5:20)

### ***Today is the day of your expansion:***

- Your expansion will come like a breakthrough of water, like a riverbank bursting its banks!
- It may feel like a lifetime waiting for the bath to fill with water, but when left long enough it soon overflows, and when it does, the entire floor floods in an instance
- What may have seemed like delay is going to produce a *suddenly* moment, that will cause your whole environment, and beyond its natural borders, to flood.

### ***Do not fear:***

**ISAIAH 54:3** ~ *“Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore.*

I have isolated, and meditated on this verse many times; claiming that I would forget the shame and sin I once lived in. But this verse is not referring to an old sin life. It is a promise referring to that which God has promised, will be fulfilled.

What truly limits a person is the fear of failure, but what God is saying is this, *“Do not fear what may seem unlikely in your current circumstance, for you will not be ashamed or disgraced at the promise I am making you”*

Many times, we have come up short with our own hopes and desires (we all know the pain of failure), and our faith suffers when we do not see an answer to the steps of courage we make:

- Instead of continuing to walk in faith, we begin to fear failure in any given promise
- We fear the failure that may come with any enlargement or expansion
- We fear anything that seems unlikely, or even impossible for man to perform
- Through fear we doubt we could ever see our promises fulfilled, so we stay in a place of safety.

But we can come out from under the oppressive fear that builds imitations in our faith, because when God promises breakthrough, enlargement, or expansion, it will happen. For He will perform it!

### ***With God all things are possible:***

**ISAIAH 54:5** ~ *“For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.”*

- Your Maker and Husband is Jesus Christ, who is forever joined to every believer for all eternity
- Jesus Christ is the LORD of hosts – the God of the armies of heaven - and He is for your breakthrough and expansion
- Jesus Christ is your Redeemer. The One who redeemed you from all sin and delivered you from all powers of darkness that have tried to keep you contained.
- You know longer need to walk in defeat and fear growth, for the Blood of Jesus Christ can wash you and redeem you from any failing you may have suffered.

### ***With Jesus Christ as LORD, and Redeemer, you are a new creation and can begin to live without limits:***

- Our limitations are not based within our own means, our own knowledge, nor restricted by those who try to keep us contained, our limits are based in Christ, who is eternal (without end; not limited)
- We are not limited by our failings (if repented of), or our insecurities, for Jesus has redeemed us and in Him there is forgiveness (see Ephesians 1:7)
- We are not limited by *our* experience of what is possible, for with God all things are possible!

***“With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”***

(Matthew 19:26)

You can reclaim your faith today and begin to enlarge the place of your tent, begin to hope again for expansion, and believe in faith that your breakthrough is here. For when God says, *“You will not be put to shame”*, this means you will not be disappointed as man is disappointed when he does not receive what he had hoped for, or dreamed for; failure is not your destiny!

For *the Lord* will come in power and *He will perform* everything that He has spoken and purposed for your life. You are not called to some small thing, nor have you been saved to be contained in restrictive environments that do not allow for growth. Your barrenness and limited living are coming to an end and you shall burst forth and multiply:

- Like a baby bursting forth from the womb, so shall be your breakthrough
- Bareness will cease; you will not be ashamed of trusting in the promise God has given you
- There will be revival in your life and ministry

### ***Personal application:***

When the Holy Spirit challenged me on these verses (Isaiah 54:2-6), I prayed earnestly and wrote a list (with His help) of all the limits, myself, or others had placed on me - *This requires one to be humble before God and completely honest with yourself, because we easily build walls around our weaknesses, and areas where we lack faith we either avoid, or pretend to have it all worked-out; when we do this we will not grow.*

My list became quite extensive and confronting, but honesty before God brings release and power. I then prayed through every point on my list and began to confess all self-imposed limitations before God; renouncing every wall that had been built up, hindering my growth and liberty.

I then called on the power of the Holy Spirit, the Blood of Jesus Christ, and His Redeeming Power to flood my soul and mind. I gave the Holy Spirit time to minister in *every area*, and the walls started to come tumbling down.

### ***The fruit:***

I had a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit and He set me free from *all* limitations and negative cursed words that had been spoken over me. Jesus set me free of everything in my mind that had constricted me. I have felt liberated and hungry for more of God ever since.

I no longer reduce my expectation to that of man, there are now *no limits* to what God can do in my life. Praise God!

### ***Your challenge:***

Where do you restrict yourself, and where are your ultimate fears?

- List them and be honest
- Take time to pray through each individual limit
- Forgive those who have hindered you, put you down, refused your growth
- Renounce all limitations before God
- Ask the Holy Spirit to cleanse you and empower you in these areas
- Listen to the Holy Spirit is saying through this – He will speak!

- No longer look back
- Activate your faith and step out, living without limits.

**Conclusion:**

- Take off all limits; surrender them to God; ask Him to stretch out the tent pegs according to His will
- Remove all limit you have placed on God
- Enlarge your vision and stretch out your boundaries according to His good plans and purposes.

**Remember...** *What we see is well below what He is creating. What we think is possible, is well below His possibilities. What we are expecting, is well below what He is bringing*

**TODAY, MAY BEGIN LIVING WITH NO LIMITS IN CHRIST JESUS!**

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