

LESSON 1.1 • WRONG BELIEFS

OUTLINE

- I. Chances are, you are limiting God.
 - A. One area in which you limit Him is through your wrong beliefs.
 - B. Many think that God is in total control and that everything that happens is His will.
 - i. If their marriages fail, they think that He is breaking them or humbling them.
 - ii. If their businesses fail, they accept this as His will.
 - C. People need the Gospel, as well as a set of principles and a moral code, which will cause them to change their belief system.
 - i. Once these things are put in place, they will begin to prosper.
 - D. The way you think in your heart will direct the course of your life (Prov. 23:7 and Rom. 12:2).

- II. We all have something that God wants to accomplish through us.
 - A. Most of us have bought into the lie that there's nothing special about us.
 - i. God has good thoughts toward each of us (Jer. 29:11).
 - ii. We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Ps. 139:14).
 - B. Most of us are living way below God's standard and limiting what He wants to do in our lives.
 - C. There are people we know who will die and go to hell if we just sit around and wait for our pastors or another minister to talk to them.
 - D. We need to rise up and let God use us to touch people and help us reach our full potential!

- III. All of us are leaders.
 - A. Leadership is defined as influence, and all of us have influence over someone.
 - B. Some of us have more influence than others, but all of us are called to influence someone.
 - C. God doesn't just sovereignly make everything work.

- IV. God used Psalm 78:41 to revolutionize my life:

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

 - A. No one has exhausted God's ability, resources, or power for their lives—He is huge.
 - B. If you can point to your great education, your charisma, or your ability when people ask how you're doing what you're doing and why you're so blessed, then you have missed God.
 - C. If your life isn't supernatural, it's superficial.
 - D. God will call you to do something bigger than yourself.

- E. God called me to preach the Word while I was an introvert—I couldn't look someone in the face and talk to them when I was in high school, but now I speak to millions and millions of people.
 - F. God had me do things that there's no human explanation for.
 - G. I don't have an answer to why God's blessings are so big on my ministry.
 - H. I'm not doing anything except loving Jesus and holding on to Him.
- V. All of us have missed God at some point in our lives.
- A. None of us are believing God as we should or doing everything we are supposed to be doing.
 - B. He wants us to believe for big things, yet most of us only believe for small things.
 - C. If we believe that God is sovereign and can do whatever He wants, then we might just have to tear Psalm 78 from our Bibles (see Ps. 78:41).
 - D. When the Israelites refused to go into the Promised Land, they limited God because of their fear of man.
- VI. We can apply this principle—fear limits God—to other areas of our lives, such as healing.
- A. According to 3 John 2, God does not want us sick, yet we often limit God in how He can heal us.
 - B. Moses was strong and had perfect eyesight when he was 120 years old (Deut. 34:7).
 - C. If God will do that for a person in the Old Covenant, just imagine how much more He will do for us who are under the New Covenant.
 - D. We limit God by thinking that things have to be a certain way because that's what others are experiencing.

If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?

DEUTERONOMY 7:17

- E. This verse is exactly what I was saying when God told me I was limiting Him.
- F. God promised the Israelites absolute victory, but they wavered and began to doubt His promise.
- G. When they did that, they limited God and He couldn't drive the nations out (Heb. 4:2).

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DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. One area in which you limit God is through your what?

2. True or false: God is in total control, and everything that happens is His will.

3. What are some things that need to be put into place for you to begin to change your beliefs and begin to prosper?

4. The course of your life is directed by what?

- A. The career path you choose
- B. The plan that God has chosen for you
- C. The way you think in your heart
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

5. Everyone has something that God wants to _____ through them.

6. Compared to God's standard, where do most people live?

- A. Just at
- B. Way below
- C. Way above
- D. Comparable to others
- E. On the right path

7. *Discussion question:* How does letting God use you not only help others but also help you reach your full potential?

8. True or false: If leadership is defined as influence, all of us are leaders.
9. Everyone is called to _____.
- A. Be prophets
 - B. The pastorate
 - C. Politics
 - D. The mission field
 - E. Influence people
10. *Discussion question:* What does it mean that God doesn't sovereignly work everything out?
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11. Because God is huge, what can you not exhaust?
- A. God's ability
 - B. God's resources
 - C. God's power
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
12. If someone asks you why you are so blessed and you point to your education, charisma, or ability, why have you missed it?
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13. *Discussion question:* Why does Andrew say that if your life isn't supernatural, it's superficial?
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14. True or false: Most people are believing God for big things and are doing everything they should be doing.

15. *Discussion question:* Read Psalm 78:41. How does believing that God is sovereign limit Him?

16. What limited God and stopped the Israelites from going into the Promised Land?

17. True or false: According to 3 John 2, God sometimes wants you to be sick if it will help your soul prosper.

18. You limit God by _____ that things have to be a certain way because that's what others are _____.

19. True or false: God promised the Israelites absolute victory in their battles.

20. The Israelites limited what God could do for them when they _____.

- A. Wavered and began to doubt
- B. Believed and began to shout
- C. Fasted and began to pray
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above

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SCRIPTURES

PROVERBS 23:7

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

ROMANS 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

ACTS 10:34

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

JEREMIAH 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

PSALM 139:14

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

PSALM 78:41

Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:26

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

3 JOHN 2

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

DEUTERONOMY 34:7

And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:12

For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

DEUTERONOMY 7:17

If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?

HEBREWS 4:2

For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.