

"Look unto the fields. . ."

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## God is not limited and, in HIM, neither are you!

*"For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." 1 Samuel 14:6*

Are you facing a situation that looks impossible? Do you have a need for which there seems to be no supply, a problem for which there is apparently no solution, a hurt for which there is no healing in sight? If so, then there are two things you need to know: first, this situation is in your life to bring glory to God and second, God has had the supply, the solution, the healing laid up for you since eternity past. You are not in these circumstances because you are a bad Christian, or because you have done something wrong, or even because God is trying to "teach" you something. You are where you are because God has brought you to a place where you can receive maximum JOY and He can receive maximum GLORY.

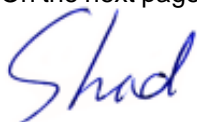
But, for that to happen, you must allow room for God to be God. Let me encourage you to NOT LIMIT GOD with your own ideas, thoughts, abilities and resources regarding your present circumstances. God is not limited and, in Him, neither are you. If it were possible for you to figure it out or to work it out, you would have done so already - but, it isn't and it is not going to be. Satan will always tempt you to rely upon self, but the guidance of the Holy Spirit will always be to look to and trust in God alone. *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding [human intellectual perception] (Prov. 3:5). "Commit thy way [as a deliberate act of the will] unto the Lord; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it [the supply or solution] to pass" (Ps. 37:5). "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen..." (2 Cor. 4:18). "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (2 Cor. 5:7).*

One day some years ago I was facing a huge need for which there was absolutely no supply. For days I wracked my brain for a solution. Night after night I tossed and turned and fretted and stewed over it - sort of like what you may be doing right now. I was trying to believe God, but all I was coming up with was fear, worry and unbelief. The problem was that I was trying to fit God into a space that would not contain Him. I was limiting God to what I could see, think and imagine. Then one day, as I was making a feeble attempt to pray, God spoke to my heart and said, "Get out your legal pad and draw a circle." I did that and then He said, "Write in that circle everything you can imagine as a possible solution to your problem." I did that; it was a short list. Then God said, "Now, outside the circle, write in big letters, GOD." I did that. Then He said, "Now, lift up your eyes and look out here where I am." I did that, and as I did I realized I had been limiting God to the inside of my circle, the meager limited circumference of my life. Suddenly, I could "see" the unlimited resources, the endless supply, the limitless solutions, the infinite options and possibilities of God. No longer did I have to live in the fear of my not being able to meet the need or solve the problem. It no longer mattered, because now God had room to be God - for ME.

He led me to Isaiah 45:3, *"And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou may knowest that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel."* I cannot see in the dark, but God can. I don't know where to find the supply, the solution, but God does. It is not a secret to HIM. Romans 4:19 and 20 tells us that when faced with a totally impossible situation, Abraham "considered not" his own limitations and therefore he "staggered not" at the promise of God. I was staggering in unbelief, because I was considering the wrong thing. When I started considering the right thing, I stopped staggering.

Beloved friend, are you staggering? Are you on the brink of giving up? Are you exhausted from thinking about your situation and dealing with it day after day with no relief in sight? Then stop. You are never going to solve this thing on your own. Lift up your eyes and look out beyond your circle to where God is. Give Him room. Make the deliberate choice of faith. Do not limit God to what YOU have or to what YOU can imagine, or to what YOU can do. That is a HUGE mistake. Draw your circle, write your need or your problem inside, then look outside to the realm of God. Ask Him to move the supply for your need from His realm to yours and then wait in faith for Him to do it. And when He does, you will receive maximum joy and He will receive maximum glory.

On the next page is an excerpt from the "Real Faith" book and a very useful graphic. It will help.



*"We Go To Them"*

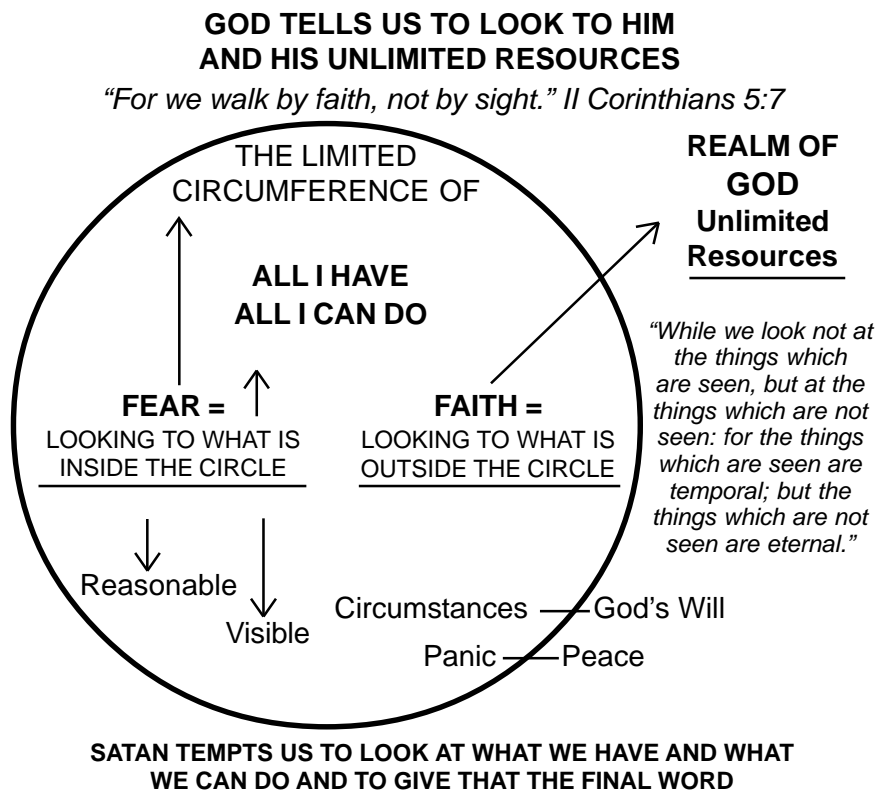
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## Look beyond the Circle

This was brought home to me anew and fresh during the summer of 1999 while I was conducting a campaign in India. Without going into detail, let me just say that when I left for the project we were facing a huge financial obligation that was impossible for us to meet. It concerned the construction of our home in Tennessee. Night after night I lay awake in the hotel room praying and thinking and trying to figure out what to do. Day after day I went from one meeting to the next doing the same thing. I was not within a hundred miles of real faith, not even close. Then one morning as I waited to preach in a high school, God spoke to me in my heart and told me to take out my legal pad and draw a circle on the page. So I did. Then He told me to write within it everything I could think of regarding a possible solution to the problem. It did not take long to get to the end of my list. Then the Lord told me that the circumference of that circle represented the parameters of my life, the end of all I have and all I can do. I realized that within that circle there were no solutions, no supply, no answers, and no hope. Then God told me to write GOD on the page outside the circle and to look out THERE. I did it and when I did, all fear, panic and confusion suddenly disappeared. I saw the supply of God and I believed it. He led me to Isaiah 45:3, *“And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.”* The supply may be hidden to me and may be a secret to me, but not to God. He can see in the dark and He knows just where to look. When I looked inside the circle all I could see was limitation, emptiness, confusion and fear, but when I looked beyond the circle into the realm of God, I saw the fullness of His limitless power and provision. All of a sudden my heart was flooded with peace and joy, because He had confirmed to my heart that He



was meeting the need. I did not know exactly how, but it did not matter, because I had looked outside, seen the finished work, and received it as done. The unseen supply of God had become personal possession in my heart. For the rest of that trip I did not give it another thought, other than to praise God, and the need was met in full as soon as I arrived home.

In your time of need, in your trial, your crisis, your storm, do not allow satan to trap you in unbelief inside the circle. Lift up your eyes and look out to where God is. Ask Him to show you His will and His supply and receive it as yours. II Corinthians 4:18 reminds us, *“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”* The Scripture goes on to say in II Corinthians 5:7, *“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”* If we walk by what we see inside the circle we will live a defeated, limited life, but if we walk by what we see outside the circle, we will live in victory. All that is needed to transfer God’s supply from His realm to ours is for someone to receive the will of God and believe. That someone is YOU. In order to become the victorious, conquering, overcoming Christians that God intends us to be, we must get it firmly planted in our hearts that for every need in our life God already has the supply, regardless of what kind of need it is or what caused it. He had it long before we came into the world. But how can we be so sure? Because it is always God’s will to meet your needs, and God’s will is always accompanied by His supply. The two go together and one cannot exist without the other. Your responsibility concerning a need that you absolutely cannot meet is to ask God to reveal His will to you concerning it and then believe Him for that. To step into the will of God is to step into the supply of God.

If it is food you need, He has the food. If it is money, He has the money. If it is a house, He has the house. If you have a need for education, He has the school for you to attend and a way to pay the tuition and buy the books. If it is a need for a husband or wife, He has that person for you already. God’s order is always supply first, then need. No matter WHAT kind of need it is and no matter how large and impossible it is, God had the supply before you ever became aware of the need. When a need occurs in your life, your home, your business, or your ministry, God does not start looking around to try to figure out how He is going to meet it. He already knows. Think about this; which came first, redemption or man’s need for redemption? Dear friend, God’s plan for redemption of the human race was in place in Jesus Christ long before man was created. The fall did not catch God by surprise, and when Adam sinned, God did not panic and start searching around for a way to fix the problem. The plan was already in place and the need had already been provided in Jesus Christ. The only thing needed to make redemption complete was a place to apply it. The fall provided that place. Which came first, air or lungs to breath the air? Which came first, food or mouths to eat the food? Which came first, water or creatures to drink the water? Which came first, light or eyes to see the light? You get the idea. God has a heaven full of supply and all He needs are places to apply it. The needs in your life provide those places.

When Sheila and I began our ministry back there in 1977, where were all those hundreds of people we would work with some day? Where were all those millions of dollars we would need? Well, the people were out there in other countries being prepared by God to join hands with us in His appointed time. And those millions of dollars were in various bank accounts all over America, just waiting to be transferred into our account, also in God’s appointed time which, by the way, is always perfect. We could not see the people or the money in the visible, but they were there. In fact, in the visible all we could see was emptiness, and if we had believed the apparent emptiness in the visible rather than the fullness of God’s supply in the invisible, we would have never moved one foot, let alone the millions of miles He has taken us over the years.