

Overcoming Life's Limitations

Luke 6:6-10 (New King James Version)

6 Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there whose right hand was withered. 7 So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him. 8 But He knew their thoughts, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here." And he arose and stood. 9 Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?"^[a] 10 And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man,^[b] "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other.^[c]



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Philippians 4:13 (New King James Version)

13 I can do all things through Christ^[a] who strengthens me.

1 Corinthians 1:26-30 (New King James Version)

26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

1 John 4:4 (New King James Version)

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

God wants to use me in ways I never dreamed possible.

Four Points to Overcoming Limitations

I. You have to show up. God can't use you if you are not there

When Jesus shows up, wonderful things happen

Don't be a no show - don't stay at home.

Matthew 9:1-2 (New King James Version)

Matthew 9

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

1 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. 2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

Mark 2:1-12 (New King James Version)

Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic

1 And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately [\[a\]](#) many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them*, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men*. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw *anything* like this!"

II. You have to step out

Because he longs to help us.

Jesus brought the man up to heal him - make him whole

Stretch your limitation out to Jesus. He can heal it.

Sometimes we don't give much room for people who make mistakes.

III. Look toward your future - stretch out

We have to stretch ourselves.

We need to learn to think “outside the box.”

IV. Silence your limitations

Tell the devil to shut up

The enemy is trying to keep us from fulfilling God’s plan in our lives.

Blessed assurance - Fanny Crosby - (blind as a child, wrote several songs given to her by the Lord).