

LIVING FREE: Got Limits?

Jesus joyfully embraced the limits given him by his
Father

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led out into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted there by the Devil. For forty days and forty nights he ate nothing and became very hungry. Then the Devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, change these stones into loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People need more than bread for their life; they must feed on every word of God.'" Then the Devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He orders his angels to protect you. And they will hold you with their hands to keep you from striking your foot on a stone.'" Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'Do not test the Lord your God.'" Next the Devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him the nations of the world and all their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will only kneel down and worship me." "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God; serve only him.'" Then the Devil went away, and angels came and cared for Jesus.

John 17:4 I brought glory to you here on earth by doing everything you told me to do.

Watching God Work through our Limitations

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to harvest. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to rebuild. A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones. A time to embrace and a time to turn away. A time to search and a time to lose. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be quiet and a time to speak up. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace.

John 13:34-35 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Psalms 8:5 For you made us only a little lower than angels, and you crowned us with glory and honor.

Sarah...

was ninety and Abraham "as good as dead" **Romans 4:19**.
Yet God made them a mother and father to nations.

Elijah & Jeremiah...

were prone to bouts of depression and yet were mightily used
by God.

Moses...

was eighty years old when God set him on a task that required the physical and emotional stamina of a forty-year-old. He also had a major speech impediment that, in his opinion, disqualified him.
God saw it differently.

Timothy...

apparently fearful and shy by nature, was called upon by God to lead the large, difficult church at Ephesus, which was beset by divisions, problems, and conflicts. Paul reminded him that God had not given him a spirit of fear. **2 Timothy 1:7**

Rejoicing in Limits Requires Faith in God's Goodness

Psalm 115:3 For our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes.

Deuteronomy 29:29 "There are secret things that belong to the LORD our God, but the revealed things belong to us and our descendants forever, so that we may obey these words of the law.

“Maturity in life is when someone is living joyfully within their God-given limits”