

# LimitLess- Undaunted

## Psalm 16:5-6

**Purpose of series:** The purpose of this series is to assist you in taking off the limits of God's expression through you and in your life and His blessing on your life. The book of James reveals many practical duties and activities of Christian, that is not heeded will hinder God's expression through them and blessings on them, especially during difficult seasons of our life. This series will provides us with a practical view of how to live a life of spiritual impact and personal fullness in a difficult world under pressure. We will learn to be limited less by the things that can distract us from our real purpose and our true potential as believers on this earth.

**Purpose of this message:** In the process of our life, we must not only face many challenges, but we must decide how we are going to perceive this life. Our perspective of life can only be a reflection of our faith! That is a huge statement. Everything looks different through the eyes of the believer. We live for a different purpose and the more that God's Word impacts us, the more our perspective is challenged and changed. As we study out the scripture today, we will learn perspective. In this message we will be challenged to adjust our perspective in a way that rightly provides accurate perspective of God and assist us in defining ourselves.

### What Is Unday?

It is a day that we focus on what God is doing and what God wants to do in Cornerstone Church. God has not called us just to get by as a church. He has not put us on the back burner. He has called us front and center and called us to the mission of having a great affect in Garden City and western Kansas for His glory.

The purpose of Cornerstone Church is to SERVE unselfishly, SHARE our lives openly, and to SHAPE healthy disciples to SEND out with irresistible lifestyles that will change the world.

**“Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men.”  
—Goethe**

**“LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.”  
Psalm 16:5-6**

Sometimes when we see things as they are and as they could be, the challenge is so great, the difference so diverse, the dream so big that people would say, “You're in denial of reality.” And to that I would have to agree, I am not dependent on reality, I'm dependent on God who can establish His own reality.

- There was a man by the name of Lazarus, whose reality was death in a tomb for four days, but Jesus brought him back to life. (John 11:30-44)
- There was a man who was demoniacally insane living in a graveyard and no man could bind them with chains or any other means, but Jesus made him as calm as disciplined young men. (Mark 5:1-20)
- There was a little girl who was filled with unclean spirits, but her Greek mother's

faith pursued Christ and brought healing healing to her little girl though the power of Jesus Christ. (Mark 7:25-30)

- There was a young boy who had an allergic reaction to almost everything known to man, He couldn't eat anything with cornstarch in it. He was going to have to take insulin shots for the rest of his life but he was healed on a cold Sunday morning. That was my story!

**These four examples are evidence of people who were very familiar with reality, but became dependent upon a God who can and will establish His own reality.**

## Perspective

***"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."***

**Ephesians 5:25-27**

I appreciate this scripture because it has been so powerful in helping us define a healthy marriage. But today I'd like to view this in perspective of Christ and His love for the church and how that has affect on us as the church.

**Christ was "love" motivated.** When love is involved, the sacrifices of life are lost in the passion of life. Love will cause you to do crazy things, for Christ, the Son of God, it caused Him to "give." He gave himself up for her. It wasn't just a whelm or fling, it was an absolute commitment. Jesus become *undaunted* in His passion toward the church.

- **Undaunted- courageously resolute especially in the face of danger or difficulty : not discouraged** (Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary. 2008)

An undaunted person finds joy in completing unpleasant but necessary tasks as soon as possible. If you know there is something that you need to get done, start, start now and get it off your back. Saying, "no," to necessary tasks keeps you stuck from progressing forward and limiting desired results. Future reward is found when a person says, "YES," to the necessary task as hand. Overcome your internal resistance by saying, "YES," and you will have a new release of energy, imagination and enthusiasm that you will now be able to apply on the next task at hand. One of the rewards of living "undauntedly" is seeing things conquered and completed, goals reached, dreams achieved and the fruit of your labor.

Look what Jesus' undaunted actions provided for us...

***"...to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."***

**Ephesians 5:25b-27**

Looking what Jesus did is masterful, making us holy, the ability to stand before God. Think about that. That in itself is enough. But look what He also did, that through the Word of God, it's purging, healing, powerful influence makes us a...

**Radiant Church- endoxos 1741-** held in good or in great esteem, of high repute, illustrious, honourable, esteemed

- **Without Stain- spilos 4696-** a spot, a fault, moral blemish
- **Without Wrinkle- rhytis 4512-** a wrinkle
- **Without Any Other- toioutos 5108-** such as this, of this kind or sort

**Holy- hagios 40-** most holy thing, a saint

**Blameless- amōmos 299-** without blemish; (as a sacrifice without spot or blemish), morally: without blemish, faultless, unblameable

Jesus not only did what no other person could do, I believe He did what no other person would ever want to do. He was undaunted in His ways. He tended to business so that we might have this life in Christ.

Christ was intentional, He looked at the task at the present so He could enjoy the joys of the future.

*“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit...”*  
I Peter 3:18

There was a saying that I tried to teach my daughter's and I'm not sure if it stuck, but it was,

**“Do the things you liked the least first  
so you could enjoy the things you liked the most last.”**

I've heard contradiction to that by different people and books, but somehow it has worked for me and our family. We often resist what we do not enjoy. I've also noticed that if I do the things I enjoy first I often dread even more the things I dislike...there is nothing to look forward to. The fun is gone...nothing left but dread and negative opportunities.

**Jesus was undaunted in His life and actions and we are invited to participate.**

*“Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin.”*  
I Peter 4:1

### **Undaunted vs. Evasive: It Really Is A CHOICE!**

The opposite of “undaunted” is “evasive.” It is described like this,

**Undaunted:  
(Positives)**

Diligent  
Self-Controlled  
Disciplined

**Evasive:  
(Negative)**

Weak-Willed  
Stressed  
Worried  
Undisciplined  
Conflicted

**An UNDAUNTED person is highly committed to the task at hand, either pleasant or unpleasant, so they can move toward greater goals and purposes. They overcome the internal resistance to stay the same or avoid the pain and take on something for a greater reward.**

**An EVASIVE person lets unpleasant tasks and responsibilities pile up into tomorrow's "do list" and lives a life of drained energy, overwhelmed and eventually regret.**

**Quote: For many people, the tragedy isn't that life ends too soon; it's that they wait too long to begin it!**

Spanish priest/Baltasar Gracian- **"The wise man does at once what the fool does finally."**

- We all experience setbacks.
- We all face obstacles.
- We all feel at times that things are against us and we are up against a wall..

Dawson Trotman- **"The greatest time wasted is the time getting started."**

**Undaunted or Evasive...which are you?**

**See, we have to know if we truly are believing for a harvest or we are just giving lip service to God. If we are undaunted in our service to God or that we are evasive in the response to the vision and task at hand.**

- **There is no greater waste of time and emotion than to pursue a harvest for which there is no hope or desire to achievement. This leads to a life of futility and regrets.**
- **There is no greater use of time and talent than to pursue a harvest in which you have a strong belief and have an unwavering commitment toward. This leads to a life of obvious success and no regrets.**

There is a Biblical process at work here at Cornerstone Church to receive an expect an exciting harvest. As we work the process, we will see our harvest. If we don't expect a harvest, then our potential will dissipate into a lifetime of regrets.

- **If you are constantly failing to see a harvest, this is why: The SEED you are sowing is simply not the seed for what you truly VALUE or you have stopped sowing in FAITH. You are merely going through the motions... running in circles... with no clear movement in the direction of your harvest.**
- **If you could actually see what was holding back your HARVEST—you would eliminate it.**
- **If you actually knew what YOUR limited harvest is COSTING you—you would eliminate them.**
- **The limitation of your harvest is robbing you of the RESULTS you truly want and the HARVEST that is Biblically yours—personally and spiritually.**

**Eight Seeds That Bring A Harvest**

1. Love

2. Word of God
3. Faith
4. Praise & Worship
5. Agreement
6. Words
7. Passion
8. Giving

### **We Can Trust God**

- When we trust Him with our hearts, WE CAN TRUST HIM WITH OUR NEEDS!
- When we obey His Word, we can WATCH HIM DISPLAY HIS POWER!
- When we sow a seed, we can EXPECT A HARVEST!

### **I CAN TRUST GOD AND DREAM BIG DREAMS!**

Benjamin Franklin: "To succeed, jump as quickly at opportunities as you do at conclusions."

**I like Benjamin Franklin's statement. Why miss the great opportunities of the Lord. Our God is not limited by our war, by our economic status, by the craziness of our world. He is God!**

**I believe we are a praying, passionate, believing church that desires the heart and will of God. I also believe that we have been called to sow seed that will produce a great harvest. I believe that a large part of the culture here at Cornerstone Church springs from eight major seeds that we believe we can sow and expect a harvest. You cannot operate in the spirit realm and not have a reaction in the physical realm. If you sow a seed, there should be a viable harvest. Here are eight seeds we are to sow.**

#### **1. Seed of our: Words**

- **We believe that the words that come out of your mouth bring life or death, a curse or a blessing.**

*"From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him."*

Proverbs 12:14

*"From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled; with the harvest from his lips he is satisfied. The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."*

Proverbs 18:20

*"But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."*

Matthew 12:36-37

**We believe that the words of your mouth have a lot to do with the destiny of your life. To take lightly what comes out of your mouth is to take lightly the direction your life is headed. We believe that every word is a seed and that it goes into**

motion once out of the mouth, setting things into action and many people are trapped because they have set a gloomy destiny through the words of their mouth. We want a wonderful harvest and therefore know that we must learn to speak correctly to bring life and good things.

2. **Seed of: Love**

- I believe that Cornerstone Church is committed to sowing seeds of love, the same kind of love that Christ loved us with.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

John 13:34-35

Jesus didn't say, endure one another, keep praying to get over one another's actions, excuse one another, ignore one another but He said, "Love one another." It's a command and it should be our commitment. There is no waiting to love if you are going to love like Christ loved. **I believe that if I sow this seed there is a harvest that should grow from it...do you agree?**

3. **Seed of: The Word of God**

- I believe, here at Cornerstone Church, that we are sure that sowing the Word of God loud and clear is the hope of the world, and it will have great affect on those who hear it, share it and believe it.

*"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish the purpose for which I sent it."*

Isaiah 55:10-11

*"For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."*

Hebrews 4:12

We believe the Bible is the Word of God, inerrant, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit. It cannot be added to, nor subtracted from. God inspired the writers to make up the 66 books of the Bible.

**This Word of God is a powerful seed that, when it is sown, it doesn't just sit there but it is highly active, it has multiplying, power potential...but only when it is sown.** We sow this seed not just because that's what we do as a church or what I do as a pastor, we do it because this has power and can and will supernaturally affect, direct or change things that are destined on a destructive course.

4. **Seed of: Faith**

- I believe that we are committed to a lifestyle of faith, knowing that in God all things are possible to those who believe!

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."  
Hebrews 11:1*

*"And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."  
Hebrews 11:6*

**"The best way to predict the future is to create it." -Peter Drucker**

Peter Drucker is one of the worlds leading developers of business leaders. It is amazing that faith is a biblical concept but the world has been able to totally utilize it. There is only one thing to do, act or quit pretending, it is time to believe, to have faith in action.

I believe that faith is a seed you have to sow. If it's pleasing to God, then don't you think He wants to bless it? There is a vision of God given to man and a passion of man given to God. Faith is pressing in for the things that are not as if they were. Do you believe God for the impossible? Do you have something that you are absolutely trusting God for? We must believe, have faith in God, not just in God but for something from God. I believe there is a God but I also believe that God has something that He wants us to believe for! Will you have faith to sow a seed of faith?

#### **5. Seed of: Praise and Worship**

- **I believe that we are confident that praise and worship releases God's presence for restoration, revelation and healing and launches an all out attack on our enemy and.**

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."  
Psalm 100:4*

*"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."  
Psalm 150:6*

*"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise- the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."  
Hebrews 13:15-16*

- There is a spiritual warfare that every believer has the opportunity to participate in on behalf of those who are lost from God or are being attacked. But **you cannot go into depths of warfare against Satan if you cannot go into depths of intimacy with God.** Praise and worship is the means of intimacy with God.
- When people **face a major problem** in their life they have so many obstacles to overcome just in relationship with God that they hardly ever know what God's will is. Why, when a problem comes do they not know the will of God? Because they stop sowing the seed of praise in worship that causes them to be familiar with the presence and nature of God. They sacrificed that time sowing the seed that would bring a harvest in knowing the presence and nature of God and now they are struggling with human reasoning and the confidence if God is

going to show, or if God wants to show up. **Praise and worship is a seed that brings a harvest.**

- Praise and worship is a sign of a yielded heart.
  - King David authored and sang songs of His love for God and God's Word daily. (Psalm)
  - It was at Jericho that the children of Israel shouted and the walls fell down. (Joshua 6)
- Praise and worship is sowing a seed, expressing physically and verbally your faith *in* God by claiming the grandeur *of* God.
- Through sowing the seed of praise and worship you are confessing what you know to be true *about* Him and will help you believe what you are trying to believe *from* Him.

“Praise is the taking of God's thoughts and superimposing them over the thoughts from the enemy. Praise, as it relates to our great spiritual weapons, the Word, the Name and the Blood, enlists the power of God to change and transform the thinking of the mind.” (Terry Law, *The Power of Praise and Worship*, Victory House Publishers, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1985, pp.50)

Praise and worship is a seed that we sow, not based on how we feel but upon who God is. Doubt and disbelief can be a blanket, suffocating or confidence in God, but praise and worship is sowing seed in faith to believe in our God and proclaiming who He is. We believe this seed sown brings a great harvest, it builds faith, creates hope and enthrones God in His rightful position. Praise and worship will not return a dead seed.

#### 6. **Seed of: Agreement**

- **I believe that when Cornerstone Church agrees with one another about specific targets, issues and goals, that will release the power of God to do that particular thing.**

*“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”*

**Matthew 18:19-20**

**Agreement is a seed. It is something that when it is sown it will bear fruit.** Here in Matthew 18 it says, “...it will be done for you...” That's a bold statement but it hardly a proven statement because Satan loves there to be dissension, division, strife and separation. He loves for us to miss the opportunity and power of this seed. To have this seed and not sow it is a tragedy that many churches can relate to. This seed sown will bring a harvest of “...anything you ask for...” Can we really do that? Can you really believe for that?

#### 7. **The Seeds of: Passion**

**We are confident that the passion of a believe toward God causes God's heart to turn toward them in mercy and strength.**

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

Deuteronomy 6:5

*"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

Matthew 6:33

What I read is that the seed of our passion sows a harvest of heavenly response. My passion toward God gives me a harvest of God's response. A Biblical truth of receiving a harvest is passionately pursuing God! It is not a formula, it's a relationship! It's all about relationship.

*"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."*

Matthew 4:19

My father in heaven can not resist me as a fan. He looks at us as son's and daughter's and wants to supply our needs...even desires.

*"Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."*

Psalms 37:4

We believe that passionate seekers receive from God. They receive a harvest from the seed of passion sown.

#### 8. Seed of: Giving

We are examples that giving is a blessing and has powerful creative ability within it.

*"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

Luke 6:38

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."*

Malachi 3:10

We have to understand that there is a dynamic principle of the seed that one sows financially. Many people are confused with the principles of good stewardship and the Biblical concept of sowing financial seed. **We must operate according to the law of the seed. We cannot expect to sow one seed and expect a different harvest.** We have the responsibility to be wise with our financial and business dealings so our families can enjoy life. But we also have the opportunity to be wise with our financial dealings by investing them into Kingdom efforts and Biblical obedience.

I really don't like the word "sacrifice" even though I know many people will have to and only know how to give sacrificially. But to give "passionately" is equal to sacrificial giving with this exception, there is a confidence that there is a return and affect because of that giving. It is not just an act of obedience, but one of expectation and joy. When it comes to giving one person feels taken from, while the other one feels as

if they are lending to the Lord. Giving should be an established way of life for the believer. When we give our money, just that very act shows God, heaven, the devil and our family Who our Source is!

One couple had gotten in such terrible debt, they were unable to tithe and continued living on a daily paycheck to paycheck basis. They couldn't let even one bill go unpaid without destroying their future. So what did the Holy Spirit direct them to do? Begin tithing toward the tithe!

### **Do You Believe In The Harvest?**

It's surprising to find out that often there is more faith in sowing the seed than in reaping the harvest. We are comfortable knowing that we should sow a seed, it's our duty, it's scripture. But believing for a harvest is too. And that shape in the form of the Kingdom of God expanding. Many people view pastors as people who are on an ego trip. They see them as men and women who just want to build a big church. Who wants church growth. Who wants big, big, big! But the truth is, if we are operating as a church...what should our harvest look like? Should we sow and sow and sow and not see any fruit? I don't believe that is what God has called us to. I believe that there should be fruit, that it should have a harvest and I believe that looks like people who have come to know God. I am not wanting a huge church, I want a huge harvest of souls! I want to take as many with me to heaven as possible.

I have often been on vacation wishing some of my dearest friends could see what I see. I wish anyone could see what I see at times. But I wonder when I stand in heaven if I will have a thought that crosses through my mind that says, "Oh, I wish I had more to see this!" Come on, don't get lost in the ego excuse, get into the harvest of your seed.

Too often we are challenged and defeated because we trust God for our souls but seldom do we put full trust in Him for our lives and the lives He KNOWS we can live and knows that many more will come to His true love. We are our worst enemy. God help our unbelief. Help us reach our world with YOUR love and YOUR Word!

**See, it's extremely difficult to be successful if you are forever putting things off!**

- **I believe here at Cornerstone church that we believe in the power of seeking God,**
- **I believe that we have the confidence that our faithfulness in serving God is not wasted time or wasted effort,**
- **I believe that we trust in giving in an act of faith and that God blesses a cheerful giver.**

Like one person put it: "It's the start that often stops people."

**Chinese proverb: "He who deliberates fully before taking a step will spend his entire life on one leg."**

**Another way to say this: If you can't decide if you are going to take the next step then all you are going to do is stand on one leg.**

We all have fears. The question is whether we are going to control them or allow them

to control us.

Les Brown tells the story of being a poor student whose teachers gave him a very little chance at becoming successful when one of his high school teachers told him...

**“Someone else's opinion of you does not have to become your reality.”**