



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF THE WORD

NO LIMITS

∞ The God-Designed You ∞

LESSON OUTLINE

IN THE FIRST TEACHING OF THIS SERIES, TONY SCOTT EXPLAINS THE IMPORTANCE OF NURTURING A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. A PERSON CAN UNLOCK LIFE'S POTENTIAL, EMPOWER STRENGTH, AND OPEN THE DOORS TO A LIFE OF "NO LIMITS." USING SCRIPTURE AND SPIRITUAL INSIGHT, PASTOR SCOTT ILLUMINATES WHAT IT MEANS TO FIND AND LIVE THAT KIND OF LIFE.

"And God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion..."

- Genesis 1:28 (AMPC)

"And the Lord said, 'Behold they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them.'"

- Genesis 11:6 (AMPC)

Introduction: Inside each person's DNA is a "No-Limit Code" waiting to be released. If it is released, it can transform your life in a moment, taking you from ordinary to extraordinary.

1. An Extraordinary Life

"God's wisdom is something mysterious that goes deep into the interior of his purposes. . . What God determined as the way to bring out His best in us, long before we ever arrived on the scene. The experts of our day haven't a clue about what this eternal plan is. If they had, they wouldn't have killed the Master of the God-designed life on a cross . . . No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, never so much as imagined anything quite like it – what God has arranged for those who love Him."

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (MSG)

- A. "God, I am open to You making me extraordinary."
- B. These passages demonstrate that the "No Limits" life that God designed for you is available for the taking.
- C. The No Limits life is only available in God.
- D. Get out of your comfort zone and walk in the extraordinary destiny God has planned for you!
- E. What is limiting you right now?
- F. Is there a limiting individual in your life?
- G. What must you do in order to move beyond your current plateau?

"Man wonders over the restless sea, the flowing water and the sight of the sky and forgets that of all wonders man himself is the most wonderful."

- St. Augustine

2. God's Original Plan, "The Sky was the Limit"

- A. Adam did not have any limitations except eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- B. Sin capped man's original potential.

- C. To achieve “No Limit Living,” you must face the limiting factors (things and people) in your life and choose to move beyond them.

3. Taking Responsibility for Your Life

- A. There is no biblical retirement plan. You should look in the mirror and say “I’m *refired*” rather than “I’m *retired*.”
- B. At some point, you must accept and implement the law of responsibility in your life.
- C. You must accept 100% responsibility for everything that is in your life. That doesn’t mean you caused it, but rather that you choose to respond to it.
- D. For everything in your life, step up and take responsibility for it. Unless you do, you will not be able to do anything about your life.

4. Going from Victim to Victor

- A. Stop playing the blame game. Stop being the victim. You can decide to be the victim or the victor!
- B. The only way you become a victim is with your permission to become a victim.
- C. Break the curse begun by Adam: Genesis 3:12 “Adam said [to God], ‘the woman who You gave to be with me – she gave me [fruit] from the tree and I ate.’”

5. You Have Control over Three Things in Your Life:

- A. The thoughts you think
 - 1. “*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...*” (Proverbs 23:7 AMPC)
 - 2. You must reach up and pull down every thought under subjection to Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).
- B. The images you visualize
- C. The actions you take

6. Accepting and Expecting

- A. Whatever your life is like right now, you've chosen to make it that way. You can determine how it is going to be.
- B. You must live by the law of expectation. Life is not filled with limits, just plateaus.
- C. You must expect to become better before you can expect to become more.
- D. What you expect in any situation or person will greatly affect your *attitude* toward the person, situation, or circumstance.
- E. Are you so set in your routines that you do not check your thoughts anymore?
- F. Your expectations should not be determined by circumstance, challenges, or lack. Your expectations should be based on God's promises in His Word.

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7. Positive Operating System vs. Negative Operating System

- A. Your internal POS (Positive Operating System)
 - 1. You must talk to yourself when you are negative.
 - 2. David: "Why are you cast down, oh my soul?" (Psalm 42:5; 43:5)
 - 3. You can change your thoughts by speaking to yourself. You must challenge your thoughts.
- B. Your brain is also equipped to host a NOS (Negative Operating System).
- C. The moment you have one positive or one negative thought, then an entourage of those thoughts will hit you.

8. God is the Purposer, Promiser, Performer

“Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].”

- Ephesians 3:20 (AMP)

A. Paul shows us three things about our “No Limit Life” in this passage:

1. God has chosen to work within us His plan for our life.
 - a. If you are living His plan for your life, then you are not going to fail.
2. God’s power responds to our faith.
 - a. You limit God by not believing, trusting, or obeying.
3. Practiced faith knows no limits.

B. God is the *Purposer*

1. You have a God-given purpose. You were not an accident, but *designed* and *coded* by God.

C. God is the *Promiser*

1. God has made a promise to you as an individual. You have an individual DNA code and a spiritual DNA code that has a purpose in God’s kingdom, which God has promised to fulfill within you.

D. God is the *Performer*

1. You must surrender your life up to God and give Him permission to do what He wants to do with your life.
2. It is lonely on the road towards God’s will.
3. It may feel like life is overwhelming on the road towards God’s will.

4. If God put you on that road, then you are definitely going to win.
5. When you are fully surrendered to God, He starts “performing the promise of His purpose.”

9. You are in Process

“For we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live.]”

- Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC)

- A. The word “handiwork” comes from the Greek word “poiēma” and is the root word for poem.
- B. You are in the process of being created. God is still working in you and recreating in you.
 1. A person might not currently see much of God in you, but that does not mean God is not working in you.
- C. You do not know how the circumstances you are going through will pull something out of yourself. God is doing something with you as you go through life.
- D. God wants you to live “the good life” that He has created for you.
- E. God put the *code* for your life in the Bible. The Bible is the only book in the world which can be personalized to you, as well as, seven billion other people at the same time. You can find your life and your purpose in God’s Word.
- F. When you are living a “No Limits Life,” nothing can stop you.
- G. Faith is a seed that rises up within you.
- H. Faith grows in proportion to your *practiced belief* in God’s word.
- I. God nurtures your faith as you practice His Word and surrender your life to Him. You become a person living a “No Limit Life.”

- J. In *Soul Surfer*, Bethany points out that she would not change what happened to her in losing her arm to the shark. She gained the opportunity to “embrace more people than she ever could have with two arms.”
1. Bethany did not just compete, she won.
 2. People told her she was handicapped, and she refused their assessment.
- K. No matter what your handicap is, and no matter what hurt you or holds you down, God wants you to *live* with NO LIMITS!
- L. God will pick you up, dust you off and cover you with His blood.
- M. God will give you an identity that is written on a white stone that nobody can steal from you.
- N. You must look from your present position/plateau, toward your full God-assigned potential with passionate expectation.
1. Discouragement, depression, and giving up are choices.
 2. You must **refuse** to give up.
 3. You must **know** your identity.
- O. Sometimes we slide right into a crisis. You just showed up and you were in the thick of it. You have to trust God and lay it all in His hands so you don't limit yourself.