

THE MORE OF GOD

2 Corinthians 10:13 We, however, will not boast beyond **measure**, but within the **limits** of the **sphere** which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you.

METRON is a measured boundary, a potential inheritance, a capacity, the limits that God has set.

God has set the boundaries for our lives.

We need to prepare now for what God has prepared us for.

God prepares things in advance then He invites us to step in and prepare our hearts for what he has prepared us to do.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's handiwork, His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Satan wants to stop or slow down the advancement of faith on the earth.

1 Corinthians 16:9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

He wants our faith deactivated.

Satan wants you to settle down and settle in to where you are.

God calls people out of darkness and then he calls them together.

Matthew 16:18 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 “And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Church in the Greek is *ekklēsia*

Ekklēsia means the called out ones.

He said I will give the *ekklēsia* or the called out ones power for more.

When we make room for ‘the more of God,’ He fills the space!

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that

we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

God wants you to prepare now for what he has prepared for you.

Isaiah 54:1-3 1 “Sing, O barren, You who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, You who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate Than the children of the married woman,” says the LORD. 2“Enlarge the place of your tent,And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare;Lengthen your cords,And strengthen your stakes. 3 For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations,And make the desolate cities inhabited. 4 “Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed;

Galatians 4:27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."²⁸ Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.

Isaiah 43:18-19 "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert. He will make roads leading you to places you've never been before.

He will satisfy you with refreshing springs of water.

There are times of refreshing in your future.

Here are some practical things you can do to get unstuck in your spiritual life.

10 practical tips to prepare for the more of God!

1. Unplug.

Get rid of distractions.

Luke 5:16 “So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.”

2. Let somebody in.

Confess your situation to a trusted friend.

Ask for prayer.

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

3. Shake things up.

Doing the same thing over and over, and expecting a different result is insanity.

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4. Be real.

Psalms 139:23-24 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; 24 And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

David invites the Lord to search his heart and reveal anything that separates him from God.

5. Step out.

Getting outside to walk, run, or hike is a great way to focus on the Lord and His creation.

6. Say thanks.

Psalms 100:4-5 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

David reminds us to enter God's presence with thanksgiving.

7. Listen up.

Music, for many of us, is the quickest path to spiritual worship.

Keep worship on in your home and your car.

Psalms 150:6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!

8. Serve.

Serving is an excellent medicine for spiritual stagnation.

Luke 10:27 So he answered and said, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’”

Jesus said this is the most important thing in your spiritual life.

9. Go old school.

Reading an actual Bible — one with pages and no charger

10. Start up a new conversation with Jesus.

Matthew 7:7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Sit quietly with a blank journal and wait to hear from the Lord.

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