

Date: **13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**  
Series: **Don't Limit God**  
Topic: **Unlimited Mind the blessing of restlessness**  
Key Text: **Ephesians 4:17-24**

*“<sup>17</sup>This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup>having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;... <sup>22</sup>that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup>and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,”* – Ephesians 4:17-18, 22-23 (NKJV)

As we follow the theme, ‘Don’t Limit God,’ it is important to know that one major hindrance to what God is set to do in and through your life this year is a limited mind.

God made human beings in His image, depositing abilities and capabilities, giving us minds that can figure things out, that can conceive things just as God does, but man's fallen state resulted in a darkened mind. The good news is that accepting God's salvation through Jesus Christ, in other words, being born again, gets us reconnected to our unlimited source and the ability to do anything we set our minds to.

We need to understand that the human mind is a very powerful tool created by God to execute His dominion mandate (Genesis 1:28), with God Himself testifying to its potency (Genesis 11:6). Yet, for your mind to be truly unlimited, you need to constantly renew it throughout this year.

*“Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”* – Romans 12:2 (NLT)

We are to let God transform us by changing how we think through the Word of God that washes us clean. A good illustration for this is a reminder of how pots were regularly washed many years ago – scrubbing the blackened back of a pot clean, with scouring powder and metal sponge. The application of the Word to your mind daily scrubs it clean, thereby renewing it and enabling you to live unlimitedly.

Our minds are like incubation centres. God feeds us ideas, plants thoughts, sows seeds of possibilities, with the expectation that we will receive, carry and make the best use of these gifts. When we act on instructions or directions from God, we allow ourselves become vessels through which His power and counsel are demonstrated.

In Luke, an angel told Mary two (2) things that had never happened before: her immaculate conception and her carrying and birthing God. These things had no reference point, which understandably, led to her asking how it will happen. But more importantly, it takes a renewed mind to say, as she said, ‘Be it unto me...’ she fulfilled purpose, allowed herself become a vessel through which God provided deliverance for the world! An unrenewed mind is a liability to God and a tool for the devil to use in derailing you from your destiny. For instance, the 10 Israelite spies who brought bad report operated from unrenewed minds because they could not plug into what God had set before them, and it ended up derailing the destiny of a whole nation.

If you are dependent on the resources you can generate, your mind will shut down – you will not understand and function optimally if God leads you to work on a goal that is far above it (your resources). However, if you depend on God, who provides all you need to fulfil His counsel, providing to the point of creating solutions if they do not exist, you will achieve goals beyond your wildest dreams.

You cannot fulfil God's purpose without a renewed mind. In Genesis 12:1-8, verse 4 shows that Abraham departed as God told him, this is an unlimited mind, moving according to divine direction without hesitation. There will be times God will lead you to do challenging things; how you will respond will depend on the state of your mind. There are 3 possible responses, it is either you obey, do not obey or obey in a limited manner (partial obedience), which is still a kind of disobedience. Abraham obeyed, he moved, leaving the known for the unknown, and security for insecurity based on divine instruction. Make up your mind to do same.

To operate an unlimited mind, remember that:

- Following God on the path He leads you may be bumpy and rough, but the destination is glorious and makes it all worth it.
- You will be required to stretch. Often, you have to stretch your imagination, your faith in God's word while at other times, you may need to take prophetic actions based on instructions God gave or gives you. Do not be afraid to do what God instructs, be prepared to be restless and leave your comfort zone – a place of peace, love, acceptance, or where everything is going well – if required. Dreaming God's dream makes you inspirationally restless; it brings you to a place where you are open to God's leading.
- You need to develop the ability to hear from God and be flexible to move when you need to.
- You should not forget the great things God has done for you and your loved ones in time past, it will also give you the strength to keep going – the miracles of the future are sometimes created from substances of the miracles of the past.

### **Prayer**

Lord, cause my eyes to see, ears to hear, and mind to conceive what You have prepared for me to do. I am fearless, my mind is strengthened and renewed, and I will not limit you with small thinking, in the name of Jesus. Amen.