

Called to Belong

**Power to EXCEL  
beyond your  
expectation**

Main cause of rel prob-  
self centredness  
Bible – brings out – most  
radical truth !

1. Focus on the needs of  
others

Amazing thing – we focus  
on – your own needs met  
Times – I don't feel like  
giving

– dry – tired – just want to  
be alone – nothing to give  
– how do I give

2. Rely on Christ's power  
to overcome your old self  
and your natural limitation  
Philippians 2:13

13 for it is God who works  
(energise) in you to will and to  
act according to his good  
purpose.

Deut 6:21

Live like the days of  
Heaven on earth – **MEANS**  
of grace – 1. Word

Key understand word – what  
does this passage tell me abt  
Jesus' riches

2. Anointing oil

3. HC - First Passover –  
darkest time – nite – blood –  
on door post - CROSS

Not just deliverance – but  
greatest transfer of wealth!

HC – not just forgiveness –  
but also Blood of the New  
Covenant! All the Promises !

Ask - Entp prayer

Exodus 11:2 **ASK**  
Exodus 12:35-37

36 The LORD had made the  
Egyptians favourably disposed  
towards the people, and they  
gave them what they asked for...

; so they plundered the Egyptians.

Why such simple means?

1 Corinthians 1:27-29

God's way – simple things to  
amaze – confound wise

Trumpet - Sling – dirty river  
James 5:14-15

Not magical – prayer of faith  
Deuteronomy 11:14-21

Notice – Bible – grain is  
mentioned with wine oil

HC and the anointing oil - bruised  
All – one common feature –

bruised crushed

OK - Best job – best husb - rel  
best career – best of everything –

cars houses watch – way beyond  
your natural ability? enjoy

Enjoy all these rel and things  
Key – have BEST – be the

BEST - spirit of excellence.

Gen 24 – interesting passage –  
how Abraham ser (Ps) got a wife  
for Isaac

Servant pray: Lord led him to a  
well – strategy – sign

the girl not only give him water but  
also offer to feed his camels

Gen 24:19

After she had given him a drink, she  
said, "I'll draw water for your camels  
too, until they have finished drinking."

It is not a sign but a very  
intelligent

Rebecca not only gave a drink but  
water 10 camels – 10 x 30 = 300 gall  
– 300 more

She was doing 300 times more than  
is required – chosen to inherit a  
great destiny – mother of great  
nation

How – excellent spirit?

**I. He has chosen you to excel**

Psa 47 4

He chose [personally select] our  
inheritance[choicest blessings] for us,  
the glory and pride [excellence, very  
best] of Jacob, whom He loves.

Rom 15 29

And I [apostle Paul] know [see  
prophetically] that I will come to you  
bringing the fullness of the blessing of  
the gospel of Christ when I come.

Fullness: Going beyond  
previous limits.

God often us men of God to  
stir us up to be what he intends  
us to be

**A spirit of excellence brings  
great influence**

Matt 5:16 Let your light shine

2 Chronicles 9:3-9

3 And when the queen of Sheba  
had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the  
house that he had built, 4 the food on  
his table, the seating of his servants,  
the service of his waiters and their  
apparel, his cupbearers and their  
apparel, and his entryway by which  
he went up to the house of the LORD,  
there was no more spirit in her.

Queen of Sheba – breathless

– spirit of excellence in Sol and  
servants. Why God gave

Why did God gave such  
excellent things to Soloman  
and his men?

Jeremiah 33:9

9 Then this city will bring me  
renown, joy, praise and honour before  
all nations on earth that hear of all the  
good things I do for it; and they will be  
in awe and will tremble at the  
abundant prosperity and peace I  
provide for it.'

Brings honour to country and  
God

Influence or just a WOW

If you put on a very super  
spiritual and superficial  
humble image

Many would say – wow – what a  
humble man – what a good man

Won't be a man of influence –  
don't want to be like you

Excellent – want to be like you –  
an inspiration

Caution – don't buy things we  
can't afford merely with the  
plastic cards! God prospers us  
in the proper season

Paul: knows how to face wants and  
how to enjoy abundance and in  
every situation – give thanks  
Best time to prosper – in tough  
times

**A Spirit of excellence brings  
overwhelming rewards**

2 Chron 9:8

Blessed be the LORD your God, who  
delighted in you,

9 And she gave the king one hundred and  
twenty talents of gold, spices in great  
abundance, and precious stones; there  
never were any spices such as those the  
queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

How Rebecca – got husb – mother  
great nation

**A spirit of excellence takes us  
beyond our natural limitation**

Dan 5:12 Inasmuch as an excellent  
spirit, knowledge, understanding,  
interpreting dreams were found in this  
Daniel, now let Daniel be called, and he  
will give the interpretation." NKJV

How does an excellent spirit takes  
us beyond our natural limitation?

Prisoner – slave – hostile  
environment

– wrong skin colour – religion -  
within months – rose to top JOB – 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
king

Man of excellence never allow  
negative circum to limit them  
- never allow - present skills or  
tech to limit them

Push themselves to limit and beyond  
Don't let human limitations &  
circumstances set the limit.

No skill or techno – invent one  
Kennedy - Go to moon – 1969

Does US have the technology? No –  
but they

**A spirit of excellence releases our  
greatest potential**

Genesis 18:14

14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? I  
will return to you at the appointed time next  
year and Sarah will have a son.

Ps 78:41

41 Yes, again and again they tempted  
God, And limited the Holy one of Israel.  
NKJV

If there is a limit – we are the one that set it – not God

## 2. He empowers us to excel

Col 1: 16

For **by him** all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, ... all things were created by him and **for him**.

17 He is **before** all things, and **in him** all things **hold together**.

If want **ma** to succeed – centre centre

If want **business** to succeed – make sure focus on Jesus

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. NKJV

Because – in Him – have excellent value – old violin

- Old violin – 50 – no one will buy – if say – Mozart - Bethoven

Easily sell I mill

The violin – has pick up his worth

More see him – more like – like him

Song of Solomon 5:16

16 His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely.

This is my lover, this my friend...

**Problem:** wrong picture of God

Nature of every **temptation** – as in the first temptation – **bad** pict of God

Did God say – like God - make God appear not generous – stingy

**Bad pict** → **Blind** to blessings already have

- All freely eat

Don't **value** what we do have

**Grumble** – what we don't have

Look at **bank** – **complain** - only 3000 – so little

If God ask you give away – so much

Child play with toy – after while - boring

Put toy one side - Another boy came – try to play - Suddenly toy – exciting – it's mine!

Don't appre wife – taken her for granted

Good **picture**

- Lion – lamb – overriding pict Ep3 8

I am the least of all God's people. God showed me his kindness by entrusting me to preach the boundless [inexhaustible] riches [treasures] of Christ.

**FOCUS** the **GD NEWS** & not bad news; your **INC** not the INC of -ve

Most important – **focus** - Jesus

**Unfortunate** fact – you don't need God to be rich – you do need God to enjoy your wealth – some start of great – but one day God is not centre

One guy has everything - All the means – Sol – but was crying out with frustration

Ecclesiastes 2:4-9

11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had **toiled**; And indeed **all** was **vanity** and grasping for the **wind**.

**Nothing wrong with all these** – yet **VANITY** - then what's was wrong?

There was no profit **under the sun**. All vanity

**Sun** centred instead of God centred

Sol – one day – sun centred - **v11**

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**Emptiness** – frustrations – unfulfilled - revolving -sun

Live revolved self – things - always unfulfilled

Prov 14:14

A heart that turns from God becomes bored with himself and its own ways, but a God centred man's life is exciting and satisfying. JY

**What are the areas that we have to watch so that Christ may remain the centre of our life?**

Don't make **business** – career – centre – boring and frustrating

So busy – no time to bring people to Christ - no time to smell flower – play kids - not pros

Gen 45:10-11

10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be **NEAR** to me, you and your children, your children's children, your flocks and your herds, and all that you have.11

**There** I will **provide** for you, lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty; for there are still five years of famine." NKJV

**Presence** – Entp meet

Guys, don't make any **gal** the **centre** of your life

**Oh! only one** that fulfil your deepest need - just made her your **god- pressure** – **flee** – **no one can survive long**

Put a lot of **pressure** on her

Make the girl very **pressurised**

Girls will **flee** from guys like that

No one can **survive** on one that depends on you like that

**Foolish** - **expect** too much from girl/boy – **spouse** – **no one can**

Can fulfil our deepest need – completely forgiving, understanding

unendingly **patient**, invariably **tender** and **loving**, **unfailing** in every area, anticipating every **need**, making more than adequate **provision**.

Of course need **chivalry** - **gallantry**

How know - **expecting?** → **unexplainable** frust/anger – watch out - soon **controlling**

How do I know I am expect too much from spouse?

**Unexplained** anger and frustration at spouse ?

**Phone** every hour – checking on spouse

Amazing - **darling** I love you – cut open heart – every part cry for you

Every time girl friend talk someone – **insecure**

**How come** the man talk to you ah- What you talking

Love that is demanding and controlling – **destroys** relationships

For love to dev

Good to have a **bit of space** – breathing space – times with buddies

When **focus** on Him – **secure** – radiate with beauty – just as he is altogether lovely

If your – beauty **skin** deep – after a while – ugliness emerge

– Hollywood beauty – cannot sustain ma

On the other hand – find a gal – don't have that gorgeous Hollywood look

– but secure in Christ – radiates with beauty – eyes sparkles w loveliness

God is fair – after 10 years or so – things event out

If **single** –

Youth - God's handbook for success says

Proverbs 24:27

27 Finish your outdoor work and get your fields ready; after that, build your house.

Statistics – shows 1 in 2 ends in divorce – (Most – western mentality) – statistics after statistics (from even secular U) shows those that start courtship early (14's 15's) ends up lots of rel problems. If the 'normal' rate of divorce is 1 in 2; how much for those that start early!

Lots of changes can occur in a long courtship – when teens enter the U – or working world – they are exposed to more choices – many rel are broken – some eventually ma –

not happy – lost glow – eventually – also broke up  
Boys at this age (14+) are less emotionally matured – compare with girls – all they want – satisfy their passion and curiosity

Real danger of prema sex – that leave a stigma for life  
Studies have shown – prema sex – detrimental to fut relationship

Those **older** - Don't let any one tell you – **must** – to be happy

Many singles – live a fulfilling life - if make getting ma – single most important all **consuming goal - frust**

*If make ma as the single all consuming goal - frustrated*

I want **someone to talk to** – share my feelings and dreams

**Ask** any lady – how many husband is doing that

*Most come home – first do – sit – turn on the remote – flip*

Even if desperate – don't show it

Sometimes **unconsciously** put **kids**

*center – little cough*

*One little thing that happen – cough*

*– whole fam stays back from going to church*

*One spouse stay - trust God for healing*

*May be message – change your life*

*D knows – soft spot – easily control - expose*

*If d knows your kid is so important – found a foothold – stay – revolves – kids **suffer***

*easily **control** you – play a little trick – frozen in fear – exposing child to attacks*

*Life revolves round kids – kids **suffer***

*Sometimes, kids **determine** where live, migrate, eat – **everything** revolves round kid*

*– as **much** as when the child is **neglected***

**1. Self centred** – so much attn – grow up – thinking the world **revolve** round them

**2. Felt tre **pressure** and **resent control** – **FLEE** from you as soon as possible – **whatever** ways – any boy come along**

*Best – **love** kids – put Jesus first  
The best way to love your kids is to put Jesus first.*

*Radiate with his loveliness – kids will love to spend time w you*

As an **employee** – to receive the best – be the best

Proverbs 27:18

18 He who tends a fig-tree will eat its fruit, and he who looks after his master will be honoured.

Don't be filled with insecurity. Don't focus on what you don't have in comparison to other staff – murmur at your treatment – be the best- rest in Jesus' love

Even if you boss don't notice you – God will – promotions come from him

**FOCUS** on Jesus - **HE** always goes **beyond** our human **expectation:**

After **Ress:** Minister to Peter – Thomas – Emaus

*Peter that denied him; Thomas that doubted him – unnamed disciples that – see him only as a great teacher - disappointed*

**We** – first – bed room of Pilate – **scare** hell out of him – HP - soldiers

**Leper:** not just heal – touch him

First **miracle** – not timing – yet perform – not life threatening - best wine – 6 jars full

Heb 8:6

6 But as it now is, Christ] has acquired a priestly ministry which is much more excellent as the covenant of which He is the Mediator is more excellent, because it is rests upon more higher, and nobler promises.

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**Rest** in grace - God does not **wait** for us to be perfect before **chose** or **bless**

We believe in excellence – **while** we are growing, God uses us

**Perfect** – don't join the min – spoil fun

Eph 3 20

Now to Him Who, by the 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, thoughts, desires, hopes, or dreams].

**So think n **dream** bigger. You can never **ask** too much, big God.**

Jeremiah 50:34

34 Yet their Redeemer is strong; the LORD Almighty is his name. He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon.