Let's work on making more room in our hearts and lives for more of God and everything He wants to do in every area of our lives and in our church. “Blessed are the flexible... for they will never be bent out of shape!”

- **BARRIERS**: There will be times in your life when you will hit a barrier. There is more room for growth. There are limitations you will encounter; most of the time your environment is not the limitation – you are the limit.
- God wants to grow your capacity to receive for the next level. He wants to push out the boundaries of your life because walls that once seemed so far away from each other are actually closer than you thought they were.

1. **BE HOSPITABLE TO “THE POSSIBLE” AGAIN. 2 Kings 4:9-10**
   - The Shunammite woman and her husband invited Elisha into their home. They built and prepared a room for him to come and stay with them whenever he was passing through.
   - **Possibility** came with the man of God. Are you inviting possibilities into your life, your home?
     - **Prepare** to receive the possible opportunity. Be ready for the blessing when it comes.
     - **Pray**
     - **Press on** with what God has already given to you. Keep your encouragement up. Be faithful in the small things.
   - **The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.** 2 Chronicles 16:9a NLT
   - Have you been watching your dream pass you by and go to someone else? Have you asked: “What can I do to get some of that blessing?”
   - Favor is not fair. *Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14-30.*

2. **FEED YOUR FAITH OVER YOUR FEARS, 2 Kings 4:8**
   - Elisha was headed somewhere else, and Shunem was on the way. Every time Elisha came through her town she fed him.
   - Feed your fears? OR... Feed your faith? “What you feed will breed.”
   - Who are you listening to? The God of faith? or Reporters of gloom, doom and fear mongers?
   - Sometimes we place self-imposed limitations on ourselves – like walls. I’m not exactly where we want to be. I probably could reach for more, but I’m doing good. I don’t want to rock the boat; steady as she goes, don’t make any waves. Don’t get my hopes up because they will only be let down again.
   - Are you standing on the threshold of what God wants to do in your life, but you’re afraid to get your hopes up?
   - God wants to get your hopes up again so you can exercise your faith. “Here comes that Man of God again, stirring things up.”
   - “So she became pregnant” v. 17
   - **Pregnant** with possibilities.
   - **Promise** of God.
   - **Promotion.** Be fully committed to God.
   - **Position.** Are you in the right position to receive? Are you living a life that is attracting God’s eyes and heart?

3. **BEGIN ARRANGING FOR WHAT YOU’RE ANTICIPATING, 2 Kings 4:10**
   - So they made room for the prophet, and they enjoyed the favor of God.
   - Sometimes we are too comfortable with “good enough.” when **God wants to take us to greatness! Let God be your only limit!**
   - **“Always be content, but never be complacent.”** Always be ready for more. It can get better! There’s more!
   - Don’t let contentment with the good keep you from pursuing greatness. Keep on watering/fertilizing your dream, your calling.
   - What do you NEED from God, but you’ve quit asking because...? What have you been HOPING FOR but you quit hoping? What have you been THINKING ABOUT, but you put it out of your mind?

Paul Scanlon (@paulscanlonuk): "Many are so grateful for good that they stay there not realizing good is only the base camp on the mountain of greatness.” Mt. Everest, the tallest peak in the world, has four base camps that are strategically placed so that climbers can get better adapted and acclimate to the mountain’s treacherous climates due to the lack of oxygen as climber ascends. When someone has adapted to their surroundings and environment, those seeking the summit will move on to the next base camp until, hopefully, they are ready to move on to the fifth stage of the climb: the summit of Everest (28,750 feet above sea level). Some fail to adapt, run out of time or resources, or the weather deteriorates before the final ascent to the summit. For them, their highest achieved base camp became their ceiling instead of the summit.

On the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:5, Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33), in the presence of Moses and Elijah, Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” Mark 9:5 NIV
Peter's perspective was, "Lord, this is awesome! This must be the summit! This looks to me as though it's as good as it could be! So, let's camp out here for a while and just stay here and bask in the glory of your presence. But for Jesus, the transfiguration was just a pause for encouragement on the way to the cross.

So... What about our church? What about you? Have we convinced ourselves that our base camp is our ceiling (the best that it could get), or is it the foundation for greater things to reach for? Are the past achievements and successes of the past few years so comfortable and acceptable to us that it would cause us to believe that this is as good as it could get?

Pastor Mike: “I must believe, that the best is yet to come!”

So how about you? Is the base camp of your family, your business, your every relationship and situation the base camp or basement of greater things to come, or the ceiling of your contentment? Press beyond to the summit! Let God be your ceiling – and not people, circumstances, or your own self-expectations.

“Good enough”? In your marriage, in your relationship with Jesus, we need to keep going. Have I settled for “good enough”? Is there more? We need to be thankful and content, but we still need to make more room! Get ready! Let’s start getting excited! Exercise your faith! "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Cor. 2:9

4. BE WILLING TO PLACE YOUR DREAMS AT RISK, 2 Kings 4:14-17

CHURCH: The growth and size of HCWO is not the norm in our denomination, and this is not usual in America. The average church in the U.S. has less than 200 people in it. But is 3,500 good enough when there are still people who don’t know Jesus?

PERSONAL: Maybe some of you have let some of your dreams die that were very worthy, but because of the season or situation, you’ve had to place them on the back burner. Some of you have decided that you’ll dare to risk it again and “get your hopes” up again. Sometimes dreams have to be laid down and allowed to die before we can miraculously break through to greatness.

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SHARE
What do you NEED from God but you’ve quit asking because...? What have you been HOPING FOR but you’ve quit hoping? What have you been THINKING ABOUT, but you’ve put it out of your mind?

DIG IN
1. What do you need to do to become hospitable to “the possible” again? What preparations, provisions and prayers do you need to get ready? What has God already given to you to do? Are you being faithful in the small things?

2. “What you feed will breed.” Have you been feeding your faith or your fears? What would feeding your faith look like right now? Who are you going to listen to: The God of faith, or the reporters of gloom, doom and fear mongers? Are you standing on the threshold of what God wants to do in your life, but you’re afraid to get your hopes up? Are you in the right position to receive?

3. Sometimes we’re too comfortable with “good enough,” when God wants to take us to greatness! Let God be your only limit! Have you let contentment with “good” keep you from pursuing greatness? Have you let other people, past or present circumstances, or your own self-expectations limit you? How can you begin “arranging for what you’re anticipating”? How can you water and fertilize your dream and your calling, and allow God to be your ceiling?

COMMIT
The great pioneer missionary William Carey said, “Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God.” Will you commit to do so? Choose to be accountable to your mini-church to discover what those great things are, and share those dreams with one another. Commit to encourage one another to pursue God’s greatness. Commit to “go fo’ broke!”

PRAYER
I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church (that’s us!) and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:16-21

Dear Lord, please help us to know You in the fullness of who You are so that we may purpose to fulfill your great plan for our life in You. We claim our call and your divine purpose for our life and future. Please help us to position our hearts and perspective, and to pray according to your word and by your Holy Spirit, with your counsel for our life as we will fulfill your Kingdom purposes together.