**ABOVE AND EXCEEDINGLY BEYOND**

Sing song …WHAT A MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE

***SCRIPTURE READING…EPHESIANS 20Now unto him*** ***that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.***

***Beloved, Many feel stuck saying just another day, it’s just another week, just another month ,it’s just another year, and still doing the same thing over and over. But allow me to remind all of us…It’s more than just another day ,it’s more than just another week, it’s more than just another month. it’s more than just another year!!! Times are tough, nothing changes, if God can only step in and change my situation I know things will be better! Beloved, God has already stepped in!!! Today we want to look at how God has delivered some things in some peoples lives they never even dreamed would ever come their way. ( theses are the true “DREAMERS) Beloved today we are in store for a wonderful time, for today is the day where I believe that in someone’s life God shows up and will exceed their greatest expectations. We want to look the Scriptures and see how God had a sudden blessing for some that instantly changed their lives. You’ll be inspired to have faith again for the goodness of God in your life to exceed your greatest expectations! The problem is we get into this same mode of thinking that keeps many in the ordinary, where we need to acknowledge that God doesn’t operate in the ordinary he operates in the extraordinary. Listen, What He has planned for you is bigger, more rewarding, more fulfilling than you’ve ever dreamed. Paul said in Ephesians 3:20, “God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask or think.” God wants to do a new thing in you this year! I believe It’s time to believe again.***

***Many go from day to day never seeing anything change, our lifestyles, our habits, our dreams, our hopes, our jobs, our financial situation is just always from paycheck to paycheck, our marriages, our children, our health, you name it, everything is just status quo and we accept it because that just the way life is. This is what is in the cards for me!***

***Many are always thinking and dreaming…if God can let me just have enough to get by, but God doesn’t see it like we see it, He sees things in the abundant, we are asking for the possible when God operates in the impossible . This is because God specializes in exceeding in the abundant.***

***I believe that God is going to open doors for some who never dreamed could be opened! Then you will look back and say I never thought I’d be this blessed!!***

***Never thought I would have this position in this job! Never thought I would enjoy the health I have today!
Today I want to let you in on a secret get ready in this year because God is about to exceed your greatest expectations!!***

***I believe he is going to do somethings in your life you never saw coming your way! You didn’t work for any of these things, you probably think to yourself you don’t deserve it, but its just the way God operates, because it is the goodness of God operating in your life.***

***The following is a story of a man who was born crippled…..***

***Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour( 3pm) .2And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;3Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.4And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.5And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.6Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.7And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.8And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.***

***Beloved, this man was just going through his daily routine...accepting life as it was dished to him….***

***Listen beloved, God did not touch this man just carnally, he was touched spiritually as well!!***

***In other words he was healed from his carnal crippled state but was also healed from his spiritual crippled state.***

1. ***Was carried to the temple because he obviously couldn’t get there on his own!!***

***May have taken a UBER cab.***

1. ***Was there to collect his usual few coins he would beg for in order to survive! day after day, week by week, month to month, and year to year nothing changed!!***
2. ***He knew he would collect something, at least something for some food!***
3. ***He probably was unshaven, dirty all worn out, clothes stink, unable to shower, etc. etc.***
4. ***He probably thought to himself …well might as well accept it all this is my lot in life can’t change the impossible!***
5. ***I can’t change a thing in my life…can’t work, can’t walk why worry if I can only get a few morsels or a few coins that will help my situation!!!***

***Many who came to the temple would just pass him by, some would simply ignore him, but then Peter and John filled with the Holy Spirit saw him and the man ask them for help and stretched forth his hat expecting to receive some coins….but Peter and John said look on us, silver and gold I have none but such as I have I give unto thee, In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, rise and walk, and they took him by the hand and his legs and feet were strengthened and he arose and started leaping and running for joy!***

***Notice the man was expecting the ordinary because he was living in the ordinary and if you live in the ordinary then all you can expect is simply the ordinary , the same as always day after day, year after year, but the time came where God showed up and exceeded his wildness expectations!!! He didn’t see it coming but simply thought to himself it’s just another day!!!***

***It’s no different with any of us, we get trapped into thinking its just another day (week ,month year), not expecting anything from anyone or God, but then God shows up just when you had lost all hope, many come to church because it’s the right thing to do , but this is not why we should come to church we come because this is where God communes with those who love him and this is where many of our hopes are exceeded!***

***Beloved, many may think that life has given you a raw deal, nothing is going right for you, can’t seem to catch a break in life ,on top of that you receive a medical report that is all negative, you’re down and almost out for the count. Then all of a sudden something strange happens, your sickness takes a sudden turn for the better, your lot in life begins to change, you can’t understand it , but something is happening, something is just changing, God has just visited your life and he has healed your situation! Some of us have a financial situation which seems to get worse as the days pass by, children stop acting like children and want to begin acting like adults, Relatives stay away from you, your job just fired you for lack of enthusiasm toward work details. Your life is now in a cripple state just like the man in the story!! The God we serve is the only one that can get you out of your crippled state.***

***Beloved as the man in the story, he was crippled for many years, many of Gods children are in the same state , crippled by life’s bad breaks, bad decisions, bad pressure moments, but like the man in the story, God’s favor visited him, today may be your day one touch of the masters hand can take you where you never thought you would ever be .***

 ***Today the bible says rise and be healed in the name of Jesus!!!***

***GOD WANTS TO TAKE YOU…ABOVE AND BEYOND!!***

***Another wonderful example in the bible is the story of a woman who had no child….2 kings 4:8-36***

***8And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread.9And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually.10Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.11And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there.12And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him.13And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.14And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old.15And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door.16And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid.17And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.18And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers.19And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother.20And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.21And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out.22And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.23And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to day? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, It shall be well.24Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not thy riding for me, except I bid thee.25So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite:26Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well:27And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the Lord hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.28Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?29Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child.30And the mother of the child said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.31And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.32And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed.33He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the Lord.34And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.35Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.36And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son.***

***Beloved, God will always respond to a hearts cry, it may not be what you expect, but it will be what God knows Is best for you!***

***This is another prime example of God meeting a persons wildest expectations.***

1. ***The woman felt this was her lot in life, wife, clean house, keep the fields take care of her son and husband.***
2. ***She was now getting older and children were out of the question.***
3. ***Her husband was also now too old!***
4. ***Life for her was to continue on the same course. Day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, the same situation, the same lot in life, But then one day God showed up and her life was never the same again!!!***
5. ***A son born to her was an act of God that exceeded her greatest expectation , God operated in the “Above and Beyond” in her life!***

***We all need and would like to see God show up in our lives and do something that will exceed …ABOVE AND BEYOND OUR WILDEST EXPECTATION! THE WORD OF GOD SAYS…” that HE is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,” THE GOD WE SERVE ALWAYS OPERATES IN THE …”ABOVE AND BEYOND”***

***I know everyone who has accepted the Lord as their Saviour would love to see God show up and change a few things in our lives,***

***Beloved the truth of the matter is God has already stepped in and changed everything in your life!!***

***It up to you now to change things in your life……***

***God said…..Luke 10:19….Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.***

[**Matthew 17:20**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+17:20&version=KJV)

***And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***

[**Matthew 21:21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+21:21&version=KJV)

***Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.***

***Beloved we need to speak to our mountains that are holding us back……***

***Call your finances, your health, your children, your marriage, your prosperity to be in agreement with Gods word…***

***Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper be in good health even as thy soul prospereth.***

***God Bless you!!!!***