

# Beyond The Wall

Part 01

## Intro

1. People build walls for many reasons.
  - a. To keep certain things or people out. *Toilet, Trump and Mexico.*
  - b. To keep certain things or people in. *Jail, pets.*
  - c. To protect or hide something. *Banks, Great Wall of China.*
2. Some walls end up keeping in things that are meant to be out.
3. Some walls make you want to climb them and go beyond them.

**Read:** Gen 49:22-26

God wants to bless you the same way He blessed Joseph.

*The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.*

- John 10:10

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.*

- Matt 6:33

- Superabundantly
  - The word bless is used six times for Joseph, more than any of his brothers (*Gen 49:25-26*).
- Even when facing opposition or attack
  - Archers bitterly attacked him (*Gen 49:23*)
- From all directions
  - Heaven above, deep that crouches beneath (*Gen 49:25*)
- More than ever before
  - Mighty beyond the blessings of my parents (*Gen 49:26*)

*If we want to walk in that blessing, we need to learn to reach beyond the wall like Joseph did. In this series, we'll explore what it means to go beyond the wall. Today, we'll begin with why we reach beyond the wall.*

# **I. We Reach Beyond The Wall Because We Have Something Good To Offer**

*Gen 49:22 - Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; his branches run over the wall*

## **A. When we find something good we have a decision to make.**

*Eg. Sale, good food, great idea for Connect Group outreach.*

- i. Keep it to yourself or share it with everyone
- ii. Joseph discovered a spring and started becoming fruitful  
*Desert society like Israel, water is a valuable source of life.*
- iii. Joseph doesn't keep it to himself, he makes a decision to share what he has found.

## **B. Our decision will include or exclude people from what we've found. Gospel and salvation.**

## **C. Going beyond the wall includes people that were meant to be excluded.**

- i. Walls in Bible times represented the boundaries of a city.
  - a) *Within the walls = safety and security, community, enjoy resources and provision.*
  - b) *Outside the walls = no protection, no community, no food, water, and resources.*
- ii. Walls in the context of this series represent the church and your comfort zone.
- iii. Walls aren't necessarily bad - some are necessary.
- iv. Because Joseph reached beyond the wall, people outside could access and enjoy the fruit from his branch.

*Sometimes we struggle to recognize that we have something good to offer.*

**Read:** Matt 6:25-33

## **II. When We Focus Too Much On What We Don't Have, We Forget About What We Have Within The Walls**

### **A. Focus determines what we see.**

- i. Focus sets your attention on something
- ii. Focus magnifies something
- iii. Something can be in front of us but we'll miss it because our eyes are unfocused.

### **B. What we see determines what we give.**

- i. When we see lack, we give nothing, and we stay within the wall.
- ii. When we see God's promise and provision, we give plenty, and we reach beyond the wall.

### **C. Our focus is often on the things that we don't have.**

*These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers. - Matt 6:32*

- i. We can be focused on all the problems or things we feel are lacking within the walls, and not see the blessing in front of us.
- ii. When we look at our lives, do we see what we don't have, or do we see how God can provide.
- iii. Jesus challenges us in Matthew 6:25-33 to remember God's character and desire to bless.  
*Contrast do not worry vs what God does examples.*
- iv. Jesus keeps shifting the attention to what we already have in God.

### **D. We need to adjust our focus and remember what has already been made available to us.**

*But your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. - Matt 6:32*

### **III. What Do We Already Have Within The Walls?**

#### **A. Salvation**

#### **B. Provision**

*For your heavenly father feeds them. Matt 6:26*

#### **C. Protection**

*Mark 16:18 - "They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."*

#### **D. Acceptance**

#### **E. Freedom**

*John 8:36 - "So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free."*

*Ps 119:45 - "I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments."*

#### **F. Authority**

*Mark 16:17 - "These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages."*

*1 Sam 17:45 - "David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."*

#### **G. Assurance**

*"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' Matt 6:31*

- i. We don't need to wonder what's happening tomorrow.
- ii. Our God is on our side, and we can have an expectation for GOOD!

*Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine. The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance! Psalm 16:5-6*

- iii. No matter what happens, we can know that our God has good planned for us (Jer 29:11).

## **H. Access**

*These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Matt 6:32*

- i. We don't have to beg because we have a relationship with our God!
- ii. We get access to the KING of KINGS and God of ALL CREATION.
- iii. Not only is He ABLE to give us all we need, He is our Father!

## **Conclusion**

God desires to bless us, but we need to be willing to reach beyond the wall. We need to recognize what God has already made available to us, and respond with thankfulness to all He's already done.

## **Salvation Call**

## **Ministry Time**