

# Expanding Your Leadership Capacity

**Text:** Ephesians 3:20-21

- 1) Build your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Expand your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Improve your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Strengthen your \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Increase your \_\_\_\_\_.

## One Year Bible Reading

May 29: 2 Samuel 14:1-15:22, John 18:1-24, Psalm 119:97-112, Proverbs 16:8-9  
May 30: 2 Samuel 15:23-16:23, John 18:25-19:22, Psalm 119:113-128, Proverbs 16:10-11  
May 31: 2 Samuel 17:1-29, John 19:23-42, Psalm 119:129-152, Proverbs 16:12-13  
June 1: 2 Samuel 18:1-19:10, John 20:1-31, Psalm 119:153-176, Proverbs 16:14-15  
June 2: 2 Samuel 19:11-20:13, John 21:1-25, Psalm 120:1-7, Proverbs 16:16-17  
June 3: 2 Samuel 20:14-21:22, Acts 1:1-26, Psalm 121:1-8, Proverbs 16:18  
June 4: 2 Samuel 22:1-23:23, Acts 2:1-47, Psalm 122:1-9, Proverbs 16:19-20

\*There will be an Uprising Prayer and Praise Service at the Mt. View Campus on Tuesday, June 14. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for prayer, 6:30 p.m. for one-on-one prayer, 7 p.m. the service will begin.

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Personal Study • Week of May 29

In a message delivered by Pastor Craig Groeschel at the 2015 Global Leadership Summit, Craig reminds us that God is able to do immeasurably more than we can imagine. This is how the apostle Paul says it:

Now all glory to God, who is able, through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely *more* than we might ask or think. Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.  
(Ephesians 3:20-21, italics added)

The Bible is replete with examples of men and women who believed God, and somehow understood that the Lord was bigger than the obstacles they faced. In the days of the conquest into Canaan, a man named Caleb approaches Joshua and reminds him of a 40-year-old promise God had given both of these faithful men.

## Read Joshua 14:6-15 and Numbers 13:30-33, 14:1-9

Out of twelve spies sent out to search the Promised Land, Joshua and Caleb were the only two who believed that God would help Israel succeed (Numbers 13:30-33 and 14:1-9). Of all those who were twenty years or older, Caleb and Joshua were the only two men who survived the 40 years in the wilderness and were able to cross the Jordan and enter the land with the younger generation (Numbers 14:29-30).

1. Craig Groeschel says in order to build our God-confidence, we have to take a step forward—much like Joshua and Caleb did—stepping out of insecurity, fear, and weakness (all that is “not enough”) and into what God wants us to do. How is the Lord increasing your confidence – not in yourself – but in the One who gives us what we need to accomplish His purpose?

Craig Groeschel also says we must stop the negative self-talk and replace our language (and mind) with the truth of God. Name practical ways we do this.

We can plow through fear when our confidence is in God because the Lord is always good on His promises. Study His track record and you’ll see the Lord comes through every time. Caleb knew God was faithful: “Now, as you can see, the LORD has kept me alive and well as he promised for all these forty-five years since Moses made this promise...Today I am eighty-five years old. I am as strong now as I was when Moses sent me on that journey, and I can still travel and fight as well as I could then” (Joshua 14:10-11). Are you willing to forge through fear and into faith?

2. Craig Groeschel says on the drive home after being deferred by leaders in his former denomination, he sensed the Lord saying: “You are not who others say you are.” Billy Graham was also once told “you’ll never make a preacher” and yet he has preached to millions all over the world. What does this tell you about the counsel of man and the counsel of God, and discerning the difference between the two?

What does 1 Corinthians 1:21-30 say about the wisdom of God (and of Christ) and who the Lord chooses to carry on His mission in the world?

Proverbs 8:17 says: “I love all who love me. Those who search will surely find me!” Did you know God has united us with Christ Jesus! “For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy, and He freed us from sin” (1 Corinthians 1:30). Because of Christ we are no longer ruled by fears, insecurities, and negativity. In Christ we can begin to think in a new way.

3. Notice what the LORD says about Caleb son of Jephunneh, the Kennizzite:

*But my servant Caleb has a different attitude than the others have. He has remained loyal to me, so I will bring him into the land he explored. His descendants will possess their full share of that land.*

*Numbers 14:24*

What is your attitude regarding God’s promises and what He is calling you to do? How will you begin taking steps today through your greatest fear into your greatest potential?