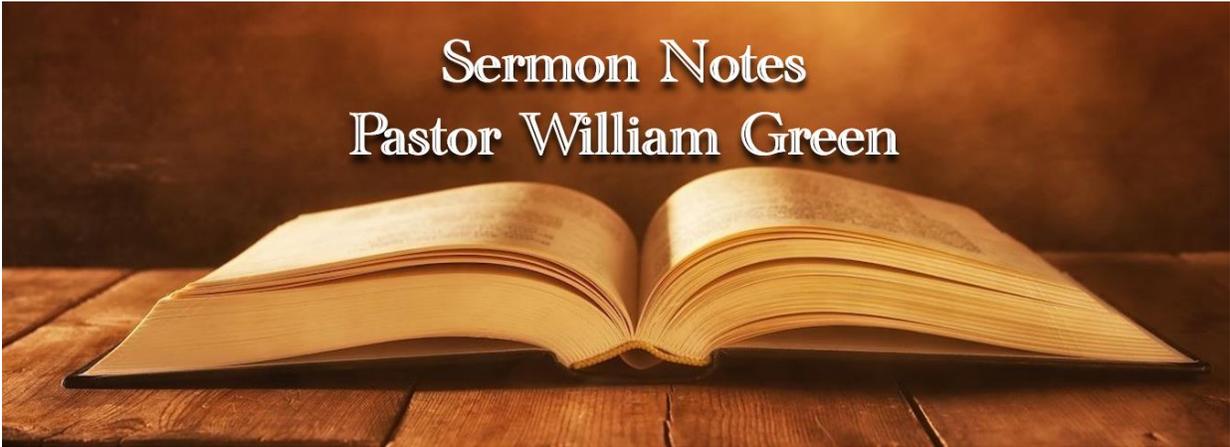


Sermon Notes
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Limited Victory

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2 Kings 13:15-19 *“Now when Elisha the prophet had fallen sick with the illness of which he was to die, Joash king of Israel went down to him and wept before him, crying, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen! “And Elisha said to Joash the king, “Take a bow and arrows.” So, he took a bow and arrows. Then he said to the king of Israel, “Draw the bow,” and he drew it. And Elisha laid his hands on the king’s hands. And he said, “Open the window eastward,” and he opened it. Then Elisha said, “Shoot,” and he shot. And he said, “The LORD’s arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria! For you shall fight the Syrians in Aphek until you have made an end of them.” And he said, “Take the arrows,” and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, “Strike the ground with them.” And he struck three times and stopped. Then the man of God was angry with him and said, “You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had made an end of it, but now you will strike down Syria only three times.”*

“The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.” – Steven Spielberg

“Mentors light up the path to success with their experience and insights.”

“If you cannot see where you are going, ask someone who has been there before.” - J Loren Norris

Divine intervention can manifest in various ways. It may come as:

A sudden breakthrough...

A change in circumstances...

A newfound wisdom or strength...

A sense of peace and comfort during chaos ...

We All Have a Bow and Arrows:

Identify the unique talents and skills that God has given you. Use them to serve others, make a positive impact, and bring glory to God.

Take advantage of educational/learning opportunities to expand your knowledge and understanding in areas that align with your passions and interests.

Recognize the value of the relationships God has placed in your life. Cultivate meaningful connections with family, friends, colleagues, and mentors.

Responsibly manage your financial resources. Use them to meet your needs, support your family, and bless others. Consider investing in causes or organizations aligned with your values.

Recognize the preciousness of time and energy. Use your time wisely, setting aside dedicated moments for prayer, personal growth, and service to others.

If you have a platform or influence, whether through social media, public speaking, or leadership positions, use it to amplify voices that need to be heard and share messages of hope and love, to bring about positive change in society.

The biggest reason why people settle for less is because they give in to the voices of their fears, insecurities, or external pressure.

So don't be afraid to push ahead. Don't be afraid of what others might say, because at the end of the day, the person you need to be most true to is yourself.

Consider what you want to accomplish in various areas of your life—career, relationships, personal growth—and develop a roadmap to guide your actions.

Opportunities often serve as steppingstones to success. By not making the most of them, we limit our chances of achieving our goals and aspirations.

Maximizing opportunities can open doors, create new possibilities, and propel us toward greater success.

We should strive for excellence, stretching ourselves beyond our perceived limitations, and trusting in God's provision to bring about complete victory.

Ephesians 3:20 *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine, according to the power that works in us...”*

The remix of Ephesians 3:30 “Pray as if everything depends on God and work like everything depends on you.”

- *God is not bound by our limitations or constrained by our expectations. Instead, God can do immeasurably more than we can ask or even imagine.*
- *Our God is omnipotent, capable of working miracles, breaking barriers, and exceeding all human limitations.*
- *God's desire for us is not merely to experience ordinary blessings but every now and then we can receive some abundant and extraordinary blessings.*