

Series: Limitless

**Title: We Were Meant for MORE
Better than Just OK**

Living above the Level of Mediocrity - (Mat 5:38-42)

Jesus is challenging us to live above the minimum.

We are settling for less than God's best! Col 3:23-24

Foundational 5: Lk 17:7-10 *1st Mile*

HERE IS HOW! Live the Foundational 5

Read Rom 10:17, Josh 1:8, Deut 6:6

Pray 1 Thes 5:17; **JER 29:11-14 is a Promise of Victory**

Church God meets with His people in a specific place.

Gen 13:4; Gen 22:2-4,9,14

Tithe 1 Cor 16:2; 10% of Gross! 2 Cor 9:6-8 Mal 3:8-11

Witness Acts 1:8 *YE SHALL BE WITNESSES*

Replace an undisciplined life with one of structure.

Replace you old influences with new ones:

1st mile is at the Threat of a lash, the 2nd is for Jesus!

God has a greater desire for us than the first Mile!

(Jer 29:11) *For I know the **THOUGHTS** that I think toward you, saith the LORD, **THOUGHTS** of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

Mat 5:41 2nd mile

Reader - Meditator Josh 1:8; Ps 1

Pray-er - Pause and Prompt (Jer 33:3) 1Jn5:14-15
Ask for Big things.

Church Attender - God get's His Glory (Eph 3:21)
- Come to Give of my self (Heb 10:24-25)

Tither - Grace Giving (2 Cor 8:1-7)

Witnesser - Lost have no hope Jn 3:17-18;36

Responding Properly to Tests, Trials, and Suffering:

Embracing what God has allowed to come into your life!

You will have tribulation! Jn 16:33 *Ye shall have ...*

Trials Come: We get Serious, **Jn 16:33**

We all get serious in the Trials

Christ left us an example to follow: 1 Pet 2:21

2nd mile is to live consistently like we are in a trial.

God uses these to grow our faith: 1 Pet 4:12-13

Illus: You can't learn to sail on calm seas!

2nd Mile: Our Faith should be growing.

B/c our trials get bigger.

God uses these to mold us into the Image of Christ:

Rom 8:28-29 It is a tool of the Lord to shape us

2nd Mile: Embrace and Be thankful

(1 Thes 5:18) (2 Cor 12:7-10)

Illus: Like dumbbells to work out with!

Illus: Does God always have to use trials to re-align us?

"Experience is the best teacher if we are too stubborn to learn any other way."

Don't Focus on the Trial!

Focus on the God who aloud it! *Illus: The Triangle Diagram. God at the Top, us and the Trial.*

To Live in the 1st Mile is to live below the level of Mediocrity God intended.