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**How Big Is Your Want To?  
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Even in impossible situations and circumstances God can still bring deliverance. We can look at things in the natural and we forget that God still is a God of miracles and a delivering God. Regardless of what we are going through or facing God can still make a way and will make a way for you and your deliverance. He will make a way where there is no way. Sometimes we can forget that.

Sometimes after the new wears off from what we have experienced in Jesus Christ we forget there is a principle in the bible that speaks about enduring and how we can endure till the end and then we will enjoy the promise God has given us or enjoy what God has promised us. 54 % of Jesus teaching ministry in the gospels arose out of life issues posed by others of just living life and daily experiences. Jesus would teach them how to live through them.

If grace is going to be taught it must be fully taught so that individuals know there is responsibility that goes along with it. For us to be healthy Christians need to understand that we have a part in living an overcoming life and allowing the word of God to work in us the way The Lord intended it to.

Do you want to serve The Lord successfully? Do you want to live in victory? Do you want the peace of God and His joy resting upon and in you? How big is your want to?

In mentioning how big is your want to, in Mark Chapter 5 the woman with the issue of blood comes to mind. It is an example of how big her want to became. At the end of 12 years she got a big want to. As was with blind Bartimaeus and there came a time in his life when he got a strong want to also.

How big is your want to or are you just going to coast through life? Do you have any desire at all? Do you have any want to at all or are you just going to coast through life? Or whatever happens just take it in stride? We are going to have to have a want to if we are really going to experience the goodness of God in our lives. God has a plan for each and every one of us just as he did for the children of Israel called Canaan Land but most of them didn't have a strong enough want to and they died in the process.

**Proverbs 24:10 (MSG)**

***<sup>10</sup> If you fall to pieces in a crisis,  
there wasn't much to you in the first place.***

That is strong language but there is an element to truth in it.

God's grace is what will enable us to endure during challenging and difficult times in our life.

**Proverbs 2:3-5 (KJV)**

***<sup>3</sup> Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;***

***<sup>4</sup> If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;***

***<sup>5</sup> Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.***

These verses indicate that effort is put forth.

Man has a part to play in releasing the presence and ability of God. We must put out an effort.

**Proverbs 12:1 (MSG)**

***<sup>1</sup> If you love learning, you love the discipline that goes with it— how shortsighted to refuse correction!***

Anything that is to amount to anything in life is going to require some discipline or hard work. That goes with our calling.

In living life we fail because we give up. We don't fail because of a lack of opportunity. We fail because we quit or just give up. Even in the natural world people that have succeeded in life didn't quit when they went broke or something didn't go right, they overcame.

**Ephesians 2:10 (AMP)**

**<sup>10</sup>For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), [a] recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].**

If you want to live the good life we are to find God's predestined path, which was set even before the earth became, and walk in it. We must walk in His pathways, in Kingdom ways to enjoy the favor and blessings of God.

Do you really want to get well? How big is your want to?

Do you really want the favor of God in an outward manifestation on your life? Do you really want what God has promised you in an outward manifestation? Do you really want to walk as an overcomer? How big is your want to? Do you really want it?

**Mark 5:25 (KJV)**

**<sup>25</sup>And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,**

Sometimes we have to get enough of something to get a great big want to.

**Mark 5:26 (KJV)**

**<sup>26</sup>And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,**

To most of us that would or could be discouraging and depressing. After trying for 12 years it would be easy to say it is what one is destined to do is suffer through life. Or maybe we would say it's God's plan that I die prematurely, or I would get better.

This woman didn't give up she had a strong desire, a strong want to.

**Mark 5:27-29 (KJV)**

**<sup>27</sup>When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.**

**<sup>28</sup>For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.**

**<sup>29</sup>And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.**

Looking from the practical side she is in a weakened condition and she has no one to help her to get to Jesus. The crowd was large and pressing against Jesus. This woman had a strong desire to be whole. This woman didn't give up in adversity or difficult times when circumstances were calling out so loudly.

Without a strong desire and want to sympathy, pity and depression can grip you. We have all had or will have the opportunity to quit at some point, but if you have a strong want to you will find a way out of the mess. God's grace will enable you and empower you to do so, if you really have a want to.

We as Christian people have Jesus on the inside of us. We are really inexcusable to not have the desire or a strong want to.

In Second Kings Elijah is coming to the close of his ministry and Elisha has been serving him for approximately 11 years and the time has come for Elijah to make the transition from earth to heaven. Evidently by scripture Elijah in the natural is a rough and tough guy with a strong message and plain spoken in contrast to Elisha who is more eloquent in his prophetic message. In chapter one the king had sought direction from Baal and had difficulty there so Elijah was sent and he gave the message to the king that because he sought a false and not the true God he was going to die. This infuriated the king so he sent people out to kill Elijah. He sent 50 men and they found Elijah but fire came down from Heaven and killed them all. Fifty more were sent and same thing happens. A third set of 50 were sent and the ruler had more wisdom and perceived Elijah was a man of God and all the lives were spared and Elijah went back with them. The time came for Elijah to make the transition and because he had such favor with God that a chariot and horses of fire came from Heaven and took him from the earth. He did not die through a natural death; he was taken up to Heaven.

That is the kind of man Elisha was serving. Like most of us Elisha didn't fall into the trap where it became so familiar with Elijah that everything was ho-hum to him. During the eleven years he served him he was able to keep an honor him knowing him.

If you want the things of God there is a price to pay. Elisha was willing to pay the price for what he really wanted before Elijah leaves to Heaven.

On your journey to greatness you will have several opportunities to pull into a rest stop. The only thing that will keep you there is pride. In the beginning of your journey with God you will have opportunity to quit and it is going to take the same tenacity of faith at the end to complete it. The opportunities to pull into a rest stop and quit will be at the beginning and all the way to the end. With a strong want to nothing can stand in your way.

## **2 Kings 2 (KJV)**

***2 And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.***

***<sup>2</sup> And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.***

***<sup>3</sup> And the sons of the prophets that were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.***

***<sup>4</sup> And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.***

***<sup>5</sup> And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Lord will take away thy master from thy head to day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.***

***6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.***

***7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan.***

***8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.***

***9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.***

***10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.***

***11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.***

***12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.***

***13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;***

***14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.***

***15 And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.***

Would Elisha have had the opportunity to ask of Elijah what he wanted had he not stuck with it? We cannot dictate to God what we are going to do to release the hand of God. That started in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. They partake of the tree and they then would decide what was right or wrong not God they would be their own God.

How big is your want to? How big was Elisha's want to? It was big enough that even after opportunity after opportunity to stop he knew what he wanted and the desire on the inside kept him going. Elisha had a strong want to right up until the end. He determined whether he would receive the double anointing or not by his actions. He had a want to. He had outward actions to correspond to what he believed of God.

You can receive from God greater things in the spirit if you have a strong desire to do so. But are you willing to pay the price, to discipline yourself? God's grace empowers you to do that.

Father we pray that you enlarge our capacity to hear your voice and Father somehow, I pray the Spirit of God will minister to the people. Speak life, speak encouragement to them, in Jesus name.

I pray they rise higher and higher and the Lord would say they are cleared to go higher. I pray the supernatural and spectacular both would be manifest in their lives. Father, I know it's not by works, but you have given us tools to work with. I pray you will give us the wisdom to work with the tools you have given us. I pray that your anointing and your favor rest increasingly more and more upon these your people. And Father even they themselves will be amazed at where they are at six months to a year from now and Father surely there will be those of Elisha that even people will see they are not the same person, they have changed, they are carrying a greater anointing. Father I pray that your boldness also rest upon them. I pray the clouds of adversity and sometimes the dark clouds that would surround

them would be dissipated by the light of the son of God, Jesus Christ is his name, the morning star. He is the light. I pray that these people would be strengthened with might by your Spirit in their inner man in Jesus name. I pray they find themselves complete and entire wanting nothing because of allowing patience to have its perfect and complete work. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. We declare that your favor does rest upon them in Jesus name. Amen and amen.