



STRETCHED: WHAT MUST BE DONE

You Were Made for This – Part 2

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Philippians 3:12b-14

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^{12B} I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

We believe NOT in just what is, but in what COULD BE,
We believe in NOT just what we are, but in what we can BECOME.
We believe in NOT just our abilities, but also our POSSIBILITIES.

To believe in the power of God, and to accept our calling,
is to embrace stretching.

MOSES: STRETCHED IN ABILITY

Exodus 4:10-13

¹⁰ Moses said to the Lord, “Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord?¹² Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.”

¹³ But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.”

GIDEON: STRETCHED IN COURAGE

Judges 6:14-15

¹⁴ The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

¹⁵ “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

HOSEA: STRETCHED IN FORGIVENESS

Hosea 1:2

² When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, “Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to the Lord.”

PETER: STRETCHED IN ACCEPTANCE

Acts 10:34-35

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.”

A DESPERATE DAD: STRETCHED IN FAITH

Mark 9:22b-24

^{22B} “If you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

²³ “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

ARE WE STRAINING FORWARD? ARE WE STRETCHING?

Abilities: Will You Grow Into New Possibilities?

Courage: Will You Trust God and Take a Risk?

Forgiveness: Will You Suffer Loss to Heal and Redeem?

Acceptance: Will You Tear Down Barriers and Divisions?

Faith: Will You Embrace Hope and Dare to Dream?