



With God, All Things Are Possible: Overflow

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Luke 18:18-30 (New King James Version)

18 Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. 20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" 21 And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." 22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "**You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**" 23 But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. 24 And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." 26 And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" 27 **But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."** 28 Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You." 29 So He said to them, "**Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life.**"

Overflow – Definition

verb (used without object)

1. to flow or run over, as rivers or water.
2. to have the contents flowing over or spilling, as an overfull container.
3. to pass from one place or part to another as if flowing from an overfull space.
4. to be filled or supplied with in great measure:

Abilities

Matthew 25:14-30 (The Message)

14-18" It's also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, **depending on their abilities.** Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money.



19-21"After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.'

22-23"The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master's investment. His master commended him: 'Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.'

24-25"The servant given one thousand said, '**Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.**'

26-27"The master was furious. '**That's a terrible way to live! It's criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least?** The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest.

28-30"Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this "play-it-safe" who won't go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.'

Obedience

Deuteronomy 8:1-9a;18-19 (Amplified Bible)

1ALL THE commandments which I command you this day you shall be watchful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers. 2And you shall [earnestly] remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and to prove you, to know what was in your [mind and] heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.** 3And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you recognize and personally know that man does not live by bread only, **but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.** 4Your clothing did not become old upon you nor did your feet swell these forty years. 5Know also in your [minds and] hearts that, as a man disciplines and instructs his son, so the Lord your God disciplines and instructs you. 6So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and [reverently] fear Him. 7For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills; 8A land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey; 9A land in which you shall eat food without shortage and lack nothing in it; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

18But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.



19And if you forget the Lord your God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

Faith

Ephesians 3:16-20 (Amplified Bible)

16May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. **17**May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, **18**That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the width and length and height and depth [of it]; **19**[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] **the love of Christ**, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; **that you may be filled** [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and **become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!** **20**Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]

Order/Obedience/Overflow

Luke 9:13-17

13 But Jesus said, **"You feed them."** "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?" **14** For there were about 5,000 men there. **Jesus replied, "Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each."** **15** So the people all sat down. **16** Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and **blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. 17** They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets

Faith

Hebrews 11:17-40 (The Message)

17-19By faith, **Abraham**, at the time of testing, offered Isaac back to God. **Acting in faith**, he was as ready to return the promised son, his only son, as he had been to receive him—and this after he had already been told, "Your descendants shall come from Isaac." Abraham figured that if God wanted to, he could raise the dead. In a sense, that's what happened when he received Isaac back, alive from off the altar.



20By an act of faith, Isaac reached into the future as he blessed Jacob and Esau.

21By an act of faith, Jacob on his deathbed blessed each of Joseph's sons in turn, blessing them with God's blessing, not his own—as he bowed worshipfully upon his staff.

22By an act of faith, Joseph, while dying, prophesied the exodus of Israel, and made arrangements for his own burial.

23By an act of faith, Moses' parents hid him away for three months after his birth. They saw the child's beauty, and they braved the king's decree.

24-28By faith, Moses, when grown, refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house. He chose a hard life with God's people rather than an opportunistic soft life of sin with the oppressors. He valued suffering in the Messiah's camp far greater than Egyptian wealth because he was looking ahead, anticipating the payoff. **By an act of faith**, he turned his heel on Egypt, indifferent to the king's blind rage. He had his eye on the One no eye can see, and kept right on going. By an act of faith, he kept the Passover Feast and sprinkled Passover blood on each house so that the destroyer of the firstborn wouldn't touch them.

29By an act of faith, Israel walked through the Red Sea on dry ground. The Egyptians tried it and drowned.

30By faith, the Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho for seven days, and the walls fell flat.

31By an act of faith, Rahab, the Jericho harlot, welcomed the spies and escaped the destruction that came on those who refused to trust God.

32-38I could go on and on, but I've run out of time. There are so many more— Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, the prophets....**Through acts of faith**, they toppled kingdoms, made justice work, took the promises for themselves. They were protected from lions, fires, and sword thrusts, turned disadvantage to advantage, won battles, routed alien armies. Women received their loved ones back from the dead. There were those who, under torture, refused to give in and go free, preferring something better: resurrection. Others braved abuse and whips, and, yes, chains and dungeons. We have stories of those who were stoned, sawed in two, murdered in cold blood; stories of vagrants wandering the earth in animal skins, homeless, friendless, powerless—the world didn't deserve them!—making their way as best they could on the cruel edges of the world. **By An Act of Faith!**

What Are You Willing To Give Up To Receive?

- You have to do it by Faith
- Your Overflow comes in your act of Faith
- Order
- Obeying



What can you handle?

- God will give to you according to your abilities (what you can handle)
- God will give to you according to your Obedience
- God will give to you according to your faith

Overflow

- Is knowing the depth of Christ's **Love** for you
- It is receiving **Peace**
- It is walking in **Joy**
- It is being **Patient** in hearing the voice of Holy Spirit
- It is giving **kindness** consistently
- It is living **Righteous**
- It is being **Faithful**
- It is **Honoring and being Respectable**
- It is walking in **Discipline**