



**“To Be or Not to Be”**  
Epilogue: “Built for Battle”

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**Sermon Notes**

**What stops you from going to your next level?**

- **Is it circumstance, trials or situations?**
- **Is it other people, such as friends and family?**
- **Is it your education?**
- **The answer is none of the above, the answer is you and your failure to ask for what is needed to move past your current circumstance.**

**John 3:30 (NIV)**

**30**He must become greater; I must become less.

**#1. Ask for Christ**

**Matthew 7:7-11 (NIV)**

**7** “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **8**For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

**9** “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? **10**Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? **11**If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in Heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

- **Our problem that stifles our growth or going to our next level is that we focus on the symptoms rather than the core of the issue. We focus on the circumstance, trial or situation rather than looking at what is constant in the circumstance, trial or situation. We focus on others our friends or family members and talk about how if they could just get it together I could be happier and more productive**
- **When all along if we just took a look at ourselves and realize that we are the one constant in all our problems we could begin to ask for what we need to get past our problem instead of asking for what we think we need.**

**John 16:33 (Amplified)**

**33** “I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but

be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]”

- **To many times we ask for the power to overcome when we should be asking for the one who has already overcome. We don't have a heaven to go to but Jesus does!**
- **There is nothing in this world that can stop you from being the best that you can be, accept you and your inability to ask Jesus to invade your circumstance.**

### **John 17:24-26 (NIV)**

24"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. 25"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

**That's why we must render control of our heart to Christ, as long as you continue to steer you will end up in the wrong place at the wrong time. When you allow Christ to steer you can rest assured He will get you where you need to be right on time!**

### **# 2. Seek His Face**

#### **2 Chronicles 7:14-16 (NIV)**

<sup>14</sup>...if my people, who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. <sup>15</sup>Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. <sup>16</sup>I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

### **#3. Stay in His Presence**

#### **2Chronicles 7:17-18 (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> “As for you, if you walk before me as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws, <sup>18</sup>I will establish your royal throne, as I covenanted with David your father when I said, ‘You shall never fail to have a man to rule over Israel.’

**When we accept that Christ is alive and wishes to live out His life in our lives. We have all the understanding we need to be productive—we simply must give Christ the permission to do so by asking him to join our situation.**

### **Conclusion**

#### **Exodus 14:13 (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.