

Enlarge Your Tent

Isaiah 54:1-4

Israel was at a very low point in their history. Only a remnant of the people remained faithful to God, refusing to worship idols. But when they looked around, everything was gone. Their temple, their city, their nation, and their people, now held captive throughout the enemy lands.

In the midst of all of this heartache Isaiah the prophet tells the people to "Sing... burst into song, shout for joy." Isaiah says sing because there is HOPE in God. God has not forgotten them. And then through Isaiah God tells His children that He has a bigger plan for their work and their life and asked them to "grow and expand."

I. Enlarge Your Capacity for God

Make room to grow! God wants to expand your influence for His purpose. It's not your ability, it's your expandability. God needs expandable tents. God uses elastic vessels - able to change and grow.

II. Stretch Your Commitment

Stretching has the tendency to cause pain so we avoid it. When we allow God to stretch our commitment there is no end to the potential of what can happen because of God working in our lives.

III. Expand Your Influence

Isaiah says you need to spread out to the right and the left. You need to make your mark on a land that does not yet know who you are. In other words you need to expand your influence.