



Believing You Can Partner Beyond Your Limitations

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Question: Will the people you are partnered with help you get past your limitations?

Introductory Thought: You will never reach your true strength or excellence alone. To fulfill your calling and pursue your dreams, you must form intentional partnerships—**like the two blind men**—with people, and in some cases, through strategic marketplace investments.

Many of the men we admire in Scripture **walked this delicate line**, skillfully balancing their personal ambitions with the need for partnerships and the gathering of resources.

They pursued visions that few around them could see or comprehend, yet through faith and collaboration, they brought those visions to life.

Series Map:

1. **Seeing** Beyond Your Limitations (Mark 10:46-52)
2. **Partnering** Beyond Your Limitations (Two Blind Men: Matthew 9:27-31)
3. **Misunderstanding** Your Limitations (John 9:1-41)
4. **Why It Takes So Long To Get Past Your Limitations** (Mark 8:22-26)

Balancing Thought: You will never see everything perfectly. You will always grow in your ability to see. You will always walk by faith and not by sight.

Text: Matthew 9:27-30

- 27 As Jesus went on from there, **two blind men** followed him, calling out, “**Have mercy on us, Son of David!**”²⁸ When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**” “Yes, Lord,” they replied.
- 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, “**According to your faith let it be done to you**”;³⁰ and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this.”

I. The Blind Men’s Passion for Partnership



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1. They **followed** him (v27)
 2. They **asked** him (v27)
 3. They **believed** him (v28-29)

Note: They followed, asked, and believed that if they partnered together Jesus would hear them.

II. Paul’s Passion for Partnerships and the Entrepreneurial Side of His Life

1. Paul partnered with Aquila and Pricilla - fellow tentmakers (Acts 18:1–3)

- After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 **There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla**, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, 3 and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. 4 Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. (NIV)

2. Paul partnered with the Macedonians to help the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 11:7–9)

- 7 Was it a sin for me to lower myself in order to elevate you by preaching the gospel of God to you free of charge? 8 **I robbed other churches by receiving support from them so as to serve you.** 9 And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the **brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed.** I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so.

3. Paul worked hard to partner with the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 2:9)

- Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; **we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.** 10 You



are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.

Note:

- Some assume you should never partner or have entrepreneurial ambitions in the marketplace — but biblical figures partnered strategically and faithfully.
- Abraham (with Lot and Eliezer)
- Jacob (with Laban), Joseph (with Pharaoh)
- Nehemiah (with King Artaxerxes)
- Daniel (with the kings of Babylon and his three friends – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego)
- Paul (with Priscilla and Aquila)
- Jesus (with His disciples, many of whom were working professionals) balanced their spiritual life and entrepreneurial ambitions. Some of these partnerships were unexpected, yet they produced powerful results.
 - They held professional vocations
 - They maintained spiritual integrity
 - They used their resources and influence for God’s purpose

Closing Question: Who are you partnered with in your life?

Closing Statement:

- My goal is to push us to reconsider how we see things. It is easy to not see that what you believe is affecting your potential long-term success.
- You will never have certain opportunities as long as you misunderstand the issues in your life and the world around you. We will talk about this next time.

Next Time: Misunderstanding Your Limitations (John 9:1-41)