

# Teaching Notes for "Wild Goose Chase – Cage of Assumptions Pt 2 of 2"



NewSong Church Pastor David Haltom Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Today's Focal LifeText: "The **Wind\*** (Holy Spirit / Wild Goose) blows wherever it pleases.

You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.

So it is with everyone born of the Spirit\*." **John 3:8** \* - The Greek for **Spirit** is the same as that for **Wind**

God is always calling us to **journey by faith** into "**terra incognita** ( \_\_\_\_\_ )" with **His Holy Spirit!**

When we're willing 2 \_\_\_\_\_ the **Cage of Assumptions**-divine blessings of **true, Spirit-led** \_\_\_\_\_ **begins!**  
**2 Corinthians 9:8** The Message / **Ephesians 3:20**

"\_\_\_\_\_ often **means giving up a** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_ **and LESS EFFORTFUL LIFE, in exchange** for  
**a MORE** \_\_\_\_\_, **MORE** \_\_\_\_\_ **and MORE** \_\_\_\_\_ **life. Each step FORWARD** is a  
**step into the** \_\_\_\_\_." ~ Abraham Maslow, a 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Psychologist  
... this is called a true **JOURNEY** by \_\_\_\_\_! **2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:1** NLT

The **Cage of Assumptions** is often built with **SOLID BARS** of \_\_\_\_\_ ...

"**Faith** \_\_\_\_\_ **assumptions!** At the end of the day, **FAITH** is trusting God \_\_\_\_\_ than you trust your  
own **assumptions!** The \_\_\_\_\_ **Faith** you have, the \_\_\_\_\_ **assumptions** you will make!"  
~ Pastor Mark Batterson, *Wild Goose Chase*, 2008, pp. 76, 79

"**You can't discover** \_\_\_\_\_ **worlds / new** \_\_\_\_\_ **of exploration without leaving** \_\_\_\_\_ **worlds** \_\_\_\_\_!"

Recall from Pt 2 of the **Cage of Routine**, Andre Gide, a French author & Nobel Peace Prize recipient, shared ...

"**People cannot discover** \_\_\_\_\_ **lands until they have the** \_\_\_\_\_ **to lose sight of the** \_\_\_\_\_!"

"**There are no** \_\_\_\_\_ **of God or on God. He is** \_\_\_\_\_ **by limits; He defies** \_\_\_\_\_ **of any kind.**  
**God's** \_\_\_\_\_ **underlies all of His attributes, His power, knowledge, love, mercy, etc. No one can**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **any aspect of who God is.**" ~ Kristin Gong, "God Has No Limits," 4.19.2020  
**Psalms 145:3b, Isaiah 40:12-14**

We need to **stop putting** \_\_\_\_\_ **on our** \_\_\_\_\_ **God. It's** \_\_\_\_\_ **to reach our God-given** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **when we** \_\_\_\_\_ **what God can do!** **Luke 18:27**

We can **NEVER ASSUME** upon **God's** \_\_\_\_\_ **and God's** \_\_\_\_\_ ... it is **SPIRITUAL** \_\_\_\_\_ **to do so!**  
[**John 3:8 & Isaiah 55:8, Proverbs 16:9** HCSB, **Matthew 16:21-23**

"It's **important** to **look at things** from **God's** \_\_\_\_\_ [i.e. **from His** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ **assuming!**)]!"  
**1 Corinthians 4:6** The Message

**From inside the Cage of Assumption**, we **lose our** \_\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_\_ **God is** and \_\_\_\_\_ **we are!**

**Assumptions** are **another** \_\_\_\_\_ **we use to stay in** \_\_\_\_\_. Oftentimes **assumptions** help us  
\_\_\_\_\_ **help us** \_\_\_\_\_ **completely surrendering ourselves to the Lord** and to **His plans / His Will!**

**Wild Goose Chasing** leaves no room for \_\_\_\_\_ **Assumptions** ( \_\_\_\_\_ )!  
We need to \_\_\_\_\_ **assuming** and \_\_\_\_\_ **believing!**

"The Wild Goose (Holy Spirit) is always calling us into '**terra incognita**' ( \_\_\_\_\_ ); **John 3:8**- that  
is where true \_\_\_\_\_ **is found.** But you have to come \_\_\_\_\_ of the **Cage of Assumptions.** You have to be  
willing to \_\_\_\_\_ somewhere you've never been and/or \_\_\_\_\_ something you've never done. And if you have the  
\_\_\_\_\_ to take that first step ... [a new spiritual adventure will surely be under way... and that cage of  
assumptions will be left to sink deep into the sea of yesterday!]"  
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A<sup>3</sup> (Accept, Apply & Act)