



TODAY! Dare to Break Your Limits

Out of control, impossible, DANGEROUS! Those are the messages that you might hear if you dare to go where, or think and dream about what is beyond the expected. But what if the real danger is living within our limits? If the Bible has eyes, I'd say that they are often focused on the horizon - not to see it, but to see what lies beyond it. And if the Bible has hopes, I'd say one is to infect us with the audacity to believe that what we can't see might be!

WELCOME!

Life, for adults and kids alike, is most fulfilling when it is woven deeply with others and that mysterious element we often call the third strand, or "God." Learn more about Fabric at www.FabricMpls.com

Is today your first visit? Welcome! Come say hi and choose a gift at the ? table after the gathering.

Got Babies? Hang out with them in The Nest (Media Center) and watch the livestream to stay connected. The Nest is also available for drop off (6mos-3yrs).

WHAT TO EXPECT

We're glad you're here!

Take a seat, get comfortable, have a cup of coffee. It's time to do some weaving!

- Music by Chris Tripolino & the Fabric Band
- Welcome and Say Hi
- Message - Greg Meyer
- Connecting with & supporting Fabric
- More music & closing thoughts

FABRIC KIDS TODAY



Go Beyond with Hope! Sitting with hard feelings is uncomfortable and takes going beyond into the growth zone! How will you stretch in your mission today?

Start with your family in the Commons and then Pre-K through 5th grade will head to the music room!

NEXT SUNDAY!



Let's Go Beyond!

Fabric is all about doing what we know to do, and then...going beyond! It's risky. It's living! Let's explore going beyond personally and as a community.

Want to hear a message you missed, re-listen, or share it with someone? Go to www.fabricmpls.podbean.com



2ND MILE EVENT - TONIGHT 7-9PM @ the Schmidt Artist Lofts As a person who has been involved and cares about the future of Fabric - you are needed! We will celebrate the Transition Team as they wrap up their work and introduce the Search Team. You are part of the vision we will be casting. And we'll create a plan for using the summer and fall to build momentum to help us be the community we can be and make our transition next year as successful as possible. *RSVP on your communication card or online!*



Spring Giving Challenge - THANK YOU! Wow! This incredible community came together to make our Spring Giving Challenge a huge success, beyond what we imagined. Here's what we accomplished: 110 kids, teenagers, and adults contributed \$30,636 in one-time gifts, and increased autogiving by \$2,159/month by starting or adjusting their monthly giving. Thank you!! We are in the midst of an important and transformational time for Fabric and the momentum from this Giving Challenge is energizing. We are so grateful to be weaving life together.

The goal of these weeks about this dangerous book, the Bible, is to give you TOOLS, PRACTICE, and INSPIRATION so it can be the better kind of dangerous in your life.

If you missed those tools, listen to the podcast from week 1 of this series, April 16 [LINK](#)

The Bible will serve you best when it is a FOUNDATION to your life, not a BANDAID.

And you develop that kind of relationship with the Bible GRADUALLY and NOT ALONE.

The stories today are examples of the broad biblical theme addressing the LIMITATIONS we put on ourselves.

In John's gospel Jesus performs seven miracles which he calls, and are better understood as, SIGNS.

Story 1 - The Wedding in Cana - John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

*Jesus did this, the first of his **signs**, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*

Perhaps more important than what Jesus did in this story is what Jesus didn't do. He didn't do ANYTHING!

But he was INCLUDED.

And working (woven) together the wine was abundantly MORE and BETTER than all they could ask or imagine.

This is a sign that

- God BELIEVES IN us.
- And when we include, weave our lives with the 3rd strand, with God, our LIMITS ARE BLOWN OPEN!

Story 2 - The Feeding of the 5000 - Matthew 14.13-21

Now when Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been killed, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

*When it was evening, **the disciples came to him** and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They don't need to go away; **you** give them something to eat.' They replied, '**We have nothing** here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and **gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.***

*And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, **twelve baskets full**. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

Notice what Jesus did and didn't do in this story. And notice that the point isn't whether this actually happened or not, but what Jesus did and didn't do teaches us about our place in doing what we think is impossible.

HOMEWORK: Spend some time with these readings, the first two are from today's message. All five are other examples of the same overarching theme in the Bible. Try using **R.O.A.M.** (Read, Observe, Apply, Meditate) to do this.

The readings are John 2.1-11 (above), Matthew 14.13-21 (above), Isaiah 55.1-3, Ephesians 3.16-21, Hebrews 11.13-16