

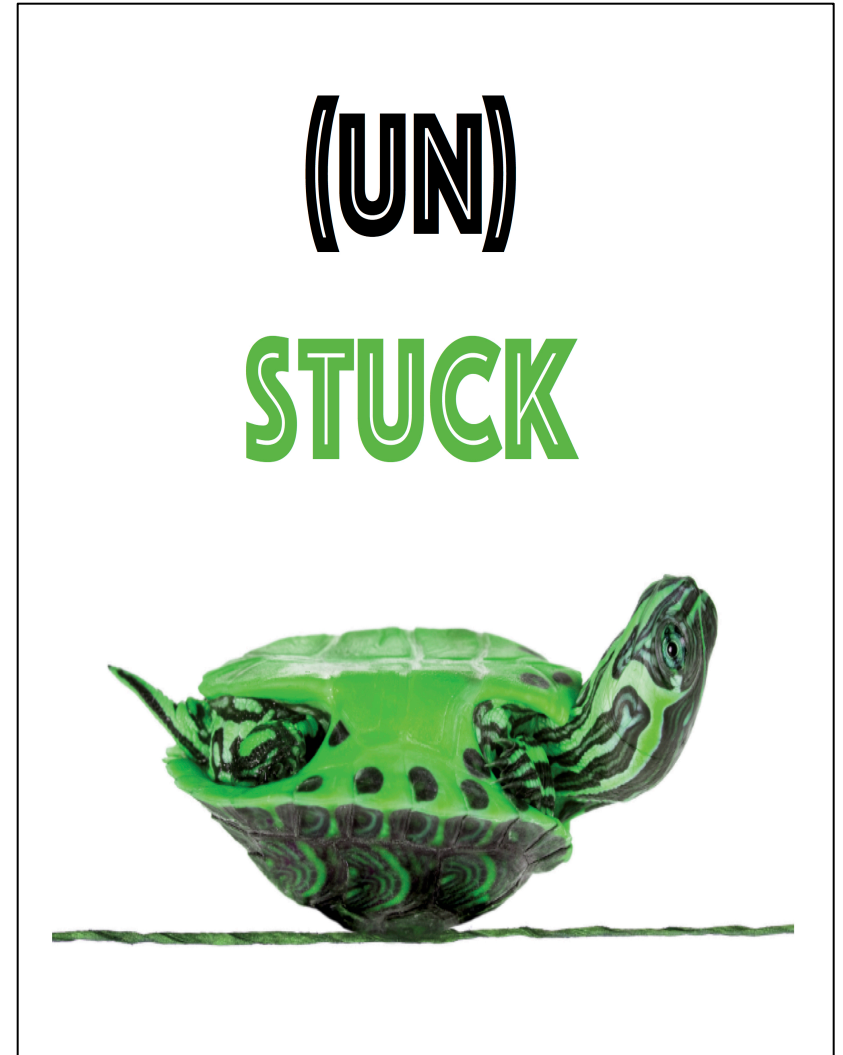
**God's Solution to our Limiting Assumptions: Childlike Faith**

**Matthew 18:3** *Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

**Matthew 19:26** <sup>6</sup> *But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

**Reflection / Life Group Questions**

- **In the past, when have you made a false assumption about God or His will for your life? How did you discover your error?**
- **What assumptions do you think could be limiting God in your life right now? How can you challenge those assumptions?**
- **What risks are you running if you cling to your assumptions?**
- **What would it mean for imagination to overtake memory in your life?**
- **Is there an area of your life where you feel like you have lost sight of the miraculous and supernatural reality of God? How do you think you can get that back?**



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**The Cage of Assumption: We think of God in Human Terms**

**2 Symptoms:**

- *We lose sight of the miraculous*
- *We live a pick and choose faith*

**How do we break free from the cage of assumptions?**

**1. Accept the truth that God is beyond my understanding**

**Job 36: 26 (ESV)** *Behold, God is great, and we know him not; the number of his years is unsearchable.*

**Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)** *He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.*

**Psalms 92:5-6 (ESV)** <sup>5</sup>*How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!* <sup>6</sup>*The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this:*

**Romans 11:33 (NIV)** <sup>33</sup>*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!*

- ***Our Assumptions about God do not limit God, they limit our ability to experience God for who he really is.***

**2. Identify my Assumptions about God**

**Common Assumptions about God:**

**God does not exist**

- **1 Corinthians 8:4** *"If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know."*
- ***Acknowledge I don't know everything***

**God has forgotten me**

- *Psalms 13:1-6, Isaiah 49:12, Psalms 38:17-18*
- ***Trust in God's Steadfast love, don't stop praying***

**God does not care about my actions**

- *Galatians 6:7-10*
- ***Don't be deceived I will reap what I sow***

**3. A Shift in Perspective: My Limitations vs. God's Limitless Abilities**

**Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)** *After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"<sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."<sup>4</sup> And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."<sup>5</sup> And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."<sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.*

- ***What areas or situations in your life have you been focusing on your limitations rather than God's limitless abilities?***