

**MATTER TO THE MISSION**  
**DEEPER DIVE STUDY GUIDE #4**  
**UNSTOPPABLE FORCE!**

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Deeper Dive Study of Matter to the Mission! The purpose of this exercise is to help you go deeper into our Man2Man study series. While this study guide is designed to be used in our Deeper Dive study groups, you can also easily use it for your own, independent study.

So far in this study we have learned that we can Matter to the Mission because we have been set free to do God's good in our gates. We've seen that the Worlds are at War but God will win when we Gatekeepers wield the right weapons against the right warriors in our gates. Then last time we learned that Gatekeepers are immovable objects, because we the only way we lose is if we quit!

This fourth month's study will Dive Deeper into the truths that tell us that we can be an unstoppable force if we seek to live in the places that are bigger than we are. In the process we'll unpack the fact that for a Gatekeeper, if a thing is not bigger than me, then it is not worthy of He.

If you missed it live, take some time to review this month's Man2Man message. You can find it at <http://www.thebridgechurch.tv/get-connected/man2man.html>. Then begin to prayerfully dive deeper into this awesome truth that makes us an Unstoppable Force for God. Learn why we say that if we could only learn this one truth and apply it, the world would never be the same!

God bless you as you take the time to be inconvenienced in order to gain ground for God in your gates.

Best,

Doug

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**CHAPTER FOUR: UNSTOPPABLE FORCE**

This first section of our study will dive into the fact that though the challenges we face may seem too big for us, they really are not. In fact, instead of fearing those times, there are good reasons to embrace them.

**WEEK ONE SECTION: PRAYER FOR PROGRESS!**

Start here by listing areas of your life where you are experiencing challenges. Beside each area put a number between 1 and 10, one being the least challenging and 10 being absolutely impossible for you to overcome on your own:

Challenge	Number
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Now read 1 Chronicles 4:10 and answer the following questions:

**Jabez was asking God for significant blessing. Is that ok?**

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**Read these verses and consider how we should look at asking for things from God: Matthew 7:11, Romans 8:15 and Hebrews 4:16.**

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**What was the blessing for which Jabez was asking?**

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**What does the expansion of responsibility do to your life?**

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**Given the added inconvenience and stress of expanded borders, why was Jabez asking God for this, much less consider it a blessing?**

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**Why is stretching beyond yourself so that you find more of God a blessing? Review Psalm 75:1b and Romans 8:18.**

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**When you pray about your life, are you looking for relief or relationship? What is the difference?**

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**Why would a Gatekeeper want to handle more than they can handle?**

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## **WEEK TWO SECTION: PLEA OF PROGRESS!**

**Jabez had a second request. What was it?**

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**What evil do you think Jabez was wanting protection from and why?**

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**What kinds of things happen around you when you do 'big' things?**

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**What danger does that put you in? (Proverbs 16:18, Isaiah 42:8a)**

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**What does the story of Herod tell us about why Jabez' prayer for protection was so very important? (Acts 12:21-23)**

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**Look around, then look in the mirror and think about the significance of 1 Corinthians 1:26.**

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**Now, consider the implications of Isaiah 55:8-9.**

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**Now, what then are the implications of Philippians 4:13?**

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**Finally, with this in mind what can we learn from Acts 4:13 about our aspirations? What do people 'realize' when they see you in action?**

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## **WEEK THREE SECTION: PATH TO PROGRESS!**

Review that last two weeks. What has God taught you since you first studied those truths?

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When it comes to real progress in this life, where are we to start? (Matthew 6:33a)

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How does this apply to determining what next to do...TODAY? What does seeking God first look like?

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How does Psalm 119:105 help answer the previous question?

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If God's word lights our way forward, how important would it be to be in his word, even memorize it? Take an assessment of yourself in that area...do you really believe his word is that valuable based on the time you give it each day?

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In Mark 6:7-13, Jesus gave his disciples an assignment, the authority/power to carry it out but told them to take along only minimal support. Read through this passage and answer the following questions.

What was the assignment?

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What was the main thing he gave them to accomplish that assignment?

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What did they not have? Why do you think that was the case (Hint: Jabez' prayer)?

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How inconvenient do you think this assignment was?

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**Still, they went. What was the result around them...and in them?**

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**We've learned in past Deeper Dives that God's primary plan is that sinners are saved. What does this text (Mark 6) tell us about how God plans to make that happen?**

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**Are you big enough to do that or is that bigger than you are?**

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**How does your answer to the previous question qualify you for the job if only you'll pray Jabez' prayer?**

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**Finally, consider again the thesis of this Dive: If a thing is not bigger than me, then it is not worthy of He? What 'bigger' things is God calling you to? Hint...start with the list of challenges you listed in week one.**

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