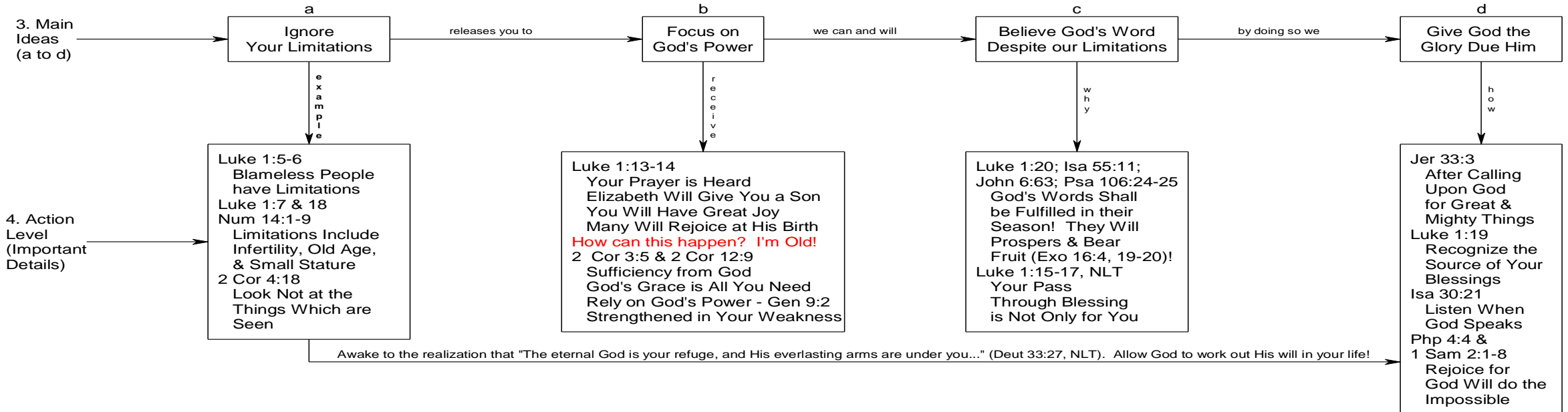


Transcendent Faith Goes Beyond Limits of Ordinary Experience and Pierces the Clouds of Delay to Grasp God's Secure Assurances

1. The Psalmist emphatically declared, "...The Lord sets apart the godly for Himself, ...[and] will answer when I call to Him" (Psa 4:3, NLT). Who is this God who sets apart the godly? "...The Lord your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed" (Deut 10:17, NLT). He "makes wise plans and do mighty things. [He] sees everything that people do, and [He] rewards them according to their actions" (Jer 32:19, GNT). "How great are the wonders God shows us! How powerful are the miracles He performs! God is king forever; He will rule for all time" (Dan 4:3, GNT). This awesome God says to His people, "Call to me, and I will answer you. I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things that you know nothing about" (Jer 33:3, GNT). "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done" (Php 4:6, NLT). "...Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). Therefore, "...When you pray and ask for something, believe that you have received it, and you will be given whatever you ask for" (Mark 11:24, GNT). These statements have a zero margin of error; therefore, they warrant qualification. "Pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven'" (Matt 6:9-10, NLT). When we pray in the manner in which Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "...the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear" (Isa 59:1). Clearly, from the foregoing, Jesus' counsel to His disciples is a prop to us. We "...should always pray and NEVER become discouraged" (Luke 18:1, GNT), because when we "Seek [our] happiness in the Lord, ...He will give us [our] heart's desire" (Psa 37:4, GNT & Isa 58:14, GNT).

2. Your memory aid for this study is GFBI: give God glory, focus on His power, believe His Word, & ignore your limitations. How can we do that? One answer to the question comes from the chart below. Follow along as we navigate from 3 to 4. At level three, you have the study in a nutshell. At level four, we explore the details encapsulated at level three.

Escaping the Incarceration of Unbelief to Receive God's Blessings



Definitions (What do these words mean?):

Trust is belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of (Num 11:23; Isa 59:1, & Rom 4:18, GNT)

Sufficiency is an adequate amount of something (Neh 9:21, Luke 22:35, & 1 Thes 4:12)

A Priest of the Course of Abia is a member of the 8th of 24 families or divisions into which David organized the priests (1 Chron 23:1-19). After the exile, (Ezra 2:36-39), only four courses returned and they were redistributed into 24 divisions so that a priest served twice per year for one week in the temple (www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/zacharias/).