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Introduction

Hello and welcome to my first Christian devotional. This book draws on material from two of my previous books, *Life Without Limits* and *Unstoppable*. It is intended to provide you with a series of quick inspirational and faith-building stories to be read daily or whenever you feel you need them. There are no rules other than God's.

I do want to comment on the title, *Limitless*, which refers not to my abilities or your abilities but to God's limitless love and power. As you may already know from my speeches, books, and videos—or you may suspect from photographs—I am technically more limited physically than most people.

I was born without arms or legs. Though I lacked limbs, I was blessed with a loving and supportive family that includes not just my parents and my brother and sister (both of whom came fully equipped) but also many cousins, aunts, and uncles. Even better, I was given the gift of Christian faith.

That's not to say I did not struggle with my faith, especially when I reached those difficult adolescent years when we all try to figure out our place in the world—where we fit in

and what we have to contribute. I prayed to God that I would wake up with arms and legs. Those prayers were not answered. I grew angry and then depressed. Thoughts of suicide drove me to make an attempt on my own life, but I stopped short when I realized my death would burden my loved ones with guilt and grief.

Over time, I came to understand that God had not brought me into the world without limbs to punish me. Instead, He had a plan for me, an incredible plan to serve Him by inspiring and leading others to lives of Christian faith.

If God can take someone like me, someone without arms and legs, and use me as His hands and feet, He can use anybody. It's not about ability. The only thing God needs from you is a willing heart.

What do you need to live in faith on this earth and then to be blessed with eternal life in the kingdom of heaven? You need a relationship with Jesus Christ as your personal savior. Where you are weak, God is strong. When you walk in faith each and every day, your life has no limits.

You can take that on faith, which I highly recommend, or you can take it from the pages that follow, which offer my life as testimony to the incredible power of the Lord our God. I am a man who is not disabled but enabled. I travel the world on God's business, reaching out to believers and sinners, rich and

poor. I'm allowed to deliver my messages of faith, hope, and love in nations where many Christians fear to tread.

I have a ridiculously good life, and now since my marriage in 2012, I have the honor and the joy of sharing it with a strong Christian wife who is as beautiful on the inside as she is on the outside. In my days of despair, one of my most depressing thoughts was that no woman could ever love a man without arms or legs. I was so, so wrong. My vision was limited. I forgot that ours is a loving God, wise in ways that we cannot comprehend.

Like me, you may not be able to see or even imagine what He has in store for you. My goal with this devotional is to help you expand your vision and build your faith by sharing what God has done for me and for the special men, women, and children I've met in my travels around the world.

I hope you enjoy the devotions and you benefit from them. But more important, I hope they help you get on the right track with God so that you are transformed with Him and come to trust that, through Him, all things are possible.

1 Free from Limitations

When I was beleaguered and bitter,
totally consumed by envy,
I was totally ignorant, a dumb ox
in your very presence.
I'm still in your presence,
but you've taken my hand.
You wisely and tenderly lead me,
and then you bless me.
You're all I want in heaven!
You're all I want on earth!

PSALM 73:21–25, MSG



A question I'm often asked is, "Nick, how can you be so happy?" I'll give you the short answer: I found happiness when I realized that as imperfect as I may be, I am the perfect Nick Vujicic. I am God's creation, designed according to His plan for me. That's not to say that there isn't room for improvement.

I'm always trying to be better so I can better serve Him and the world!

I believe my life has no limits. I want you to feel the same way about your life, no matter what your challenges may be. As we begin our journey together, please take a moment to think about any limitations you've placed on your life or that you've allowed others to place on it. Now think about what it would be like to be free of those limitations. What would your life be if *anything* were possible?

I'm officially *disabled*, but I'm truly *enabled* because of my lack of limbs. My unique challenges have opened up remarkable opportunities to reach so many in need. You have your own challenges, and you, too, are imperfect. But you are the perfect YOU!

Too often we tell ourselves we aren't smart enough or attractive enough or talented enough to pursue our dreams. We buy into what others say about us, or we put restrictions on ourselves. What's worse is that when we consider ourselves unworthy, we are putting limits on how *God* can work through us!

When you give up on your dreams, you put God in a box. After all, you are His creation. He made you for a purpose. Therefore your life cannot be limited any more than God's love can be contained. Just imagine what is possible for you!

LIMITLESS *Life*

I have a choice. You have a choice. We can choose to dwell on disappointments and shortcomings. We can choose to be bitter, angry, or sad. Or when faced with hard times and hurtful people, we can choose to learn from the experience and move forward, taking responsibility for our own happiness. Think about how you want to respond the next time a challenge comes your way.

Just Stay in the Game

Bow down Your ear, O LORD, hear me;
For I am poor and needy.
Preserve my life, for I am holy;
You are my God;
Save Your servant who trusts in You!
Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to You all day long.
Rejoice the soul of Your servant,
For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
For You, Lord, are good, and ready to
forgive,
And abundant in mercy to all those who
call upon You.

PSALM 86:1-5



I have discovered time and again that when we ask for God's help and then take action, knowing in our hearts that He is

watching over us, there is no reason to be fearful. My parents taught me this mostly in the way they lived each day. They are the greatest examples of faith in action I have witnessed.

Although I arrived on this earth missing, as my mother says, “a few bits and pieces,” I am blessed in many, many ways. My parents have always been there for me. They did not coddle me. They disciplined me when I needed it and gave me room to make my own mistakes. Most of all, they are wonderful role models.

I was their first child and definitely a surprise package. Despite doing all the usual maternity tests, my mother’s doctor detected no indication that I would come into the world with neither arms nor legs. My mother was an experienced nurse who had assisted in hundreds of deliveries, so she took all the precautions during her pregnancy.

Needless to say, she and my father were quite stunned that I arrived without limbs. Like all babies, I did not come with an instruction book, but my parents sure would have welcomed a little guidance. They knew of no other parents who had raised a child without limbs in a world designed for people with a complete set.

They were distraught at first, as any parents would be. Anger, guilt, fear, depression, despair—their emotions ran away with them for the first week or so. Many tears were shed. They grieved for the perfectly formed child they had

envisioned but did not receive. They grieved, too, because they feared that my life would be very difficult.

My parents could not imagine what plan God had in mind for such a boy. Yet once they'd recovered from their initial shock, they decided to put their trust in God. They gave up their attempts to understand why God had given them such a child. Instead, they surrendered to His plan, whatever it might be, and then they went about raising me as best they could, the only way they could—pouring into me all of their love one day at a time. I could never ask for anything better than that. As a result of their love and encouragement, I am not afraid to try anything.

LIMITLESS *Life*

Life may be kicking you around right now. You may wonder if your fortunes will improve. I'm telling you that you can't even imagine the good that awaits you if you refuse to give up. Stay focused on your dream. Do whatever it takes to stay in the chase. You have the power to change your circumstances. Go after whatever it is you desire.

3 Posttraumatic Growth

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting.

JAMES 1:2–6



I have always believed that God puts us through challenges to strengthen us. In recent years, researchers in health psychology have found support for this in studies of people

who have experienced severe stress and trauma across a wide range—from serious and life-threatening illnesses to catastrophic events to the loss of a loved one. While you often hear about posttraumatic stress, psychologists have also found that those who deal successfully with health challenges can experience posttraumatic or adversarial *growth*.

Researchers found that many who successfully deal with physical adversity actually grow in positive ways, including these:

- They realize they are stronger than they thought, and they tend to recover more quickly from future challenges.
- They discover who truly cares about them, and those relationships grow stronger.
- They put greater value on each day and on the good things in their lives.
- They become stronger spiritually.

I believe there is yet another benefit that can come of major disabilities and health challenges. I think God allows some of us to be afflicted so that that we can comfort others just as God has comforted us. This explanation in particular

makes sense to me because I have experienced the truth of it time after time after time.

I don't claim to always understand God's plan. I do know that heaven will not be like this temporary life. But it can be difficult to have certainty when God does something that seems harsh or unfair. You have to take comfort and strength from Him. You can make the decision to give the situation to God by putting in a request for His help.

Now, it may be impossible not to be anxious when dealing with illness, disabilities, or other life-threatening challenges, but you can find peace by putting things in God's hands. He can give you strength one day at a time, whether you need it for your own challenges or because you are grieving for someone else.

Know that whatever happens, there is no sickness or disease or death in the next life, but there has to be an end to us all on earth. His plan is not to keep us here to suffer and die. God wants us to be with Him in heaven forever.

Still, while we are here in our temporary lives, we have a beautiful opportunity to know God and to share His love with others who do not yet know that Jesus Christ died for their sins. While eternal life in heaven will be great, having a relationship with God while we are on earth is a tremendous opportunity here.

LIMITLESS *Life*

Whatever circumstances you face, God will use you for His purposes. It may be years before you understand what that purpose might be. In some cases, you may never know the full extent of His plans or why He allows some things to happen to you. That's why it is necessary to put your faith in action by knowing God is with you and by knowing that even though bad things may happen, they do not change the fact that He loves you.

A Serenity of Surrender

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7



Our lives on this earth are not about what *we* want. You and I were created and placed in the natural world because of what God wants for us. He sent His Son here to die for our sins, and Jesus made the ultimate surrender to follow His Father's plan to give us the gift of eternal life. There is an incredible peace in surrendering our lives to Him just as Jesus did.

That peace can be yours when you surrender your fears and the need to control your life, as well as any need to know the outcome of your actions. You put it all in God's hands and

commit to follow His will. When you are searching for God's will in your life, whether it's trying to make decisions or looking for opportunities, you can't always expect a sign from God. Those are rare and wonderful occasions. What I've come to look for instead is a *sense of peace*.

If serenity remains in my heart as I pray and move forward with a decision to act on an opportunity, I feel like I'm following His will. If I lose that sense of peace at any point, I stop, pray some more, and reconsider. I believe if I'm headed the wrong way, God will change my heart and guide me.

Everyone has a process. Some people may have many friends who advise them, or maybe they base their decisions on the alignment of the stars or a gut feeling. My process is surrender. God understands us to the core because He created us. He feels what we feel, but His vision reaches those places we cannot see. There are many people I look to for advice and wisdom, but there is no one in God's league when it comes to guidance. I'm grateful to have opportunities, and often it seems like I'm walking down the corridor of a giant hotel with hundreds of doors waiting to be opened. It's difficult to know which doors are right for me, but through my surrender, patience, and trust in Him, God guides me.

Of course, God may say no to your plan one day, but the next He may say yes to something even better. You don't know what God can do with your life until you give it to Him and

feel the bliss in your relationship with Him. Whenever I become anxious about achieving *my* goals, I find peace knowing that I am here because God loves me and that He will be there when I let go.

LIMITLESS *Life* _____

There is nothing quite as soothing as accepting that you don't have to work it all out because God will. You can surrender yourself to Him and then wait patiently. Through Him, everything is possible. Is there a big decision or something else weighing you down right now? Try surrendering it to God and letting Him guide your heart as you move forward.



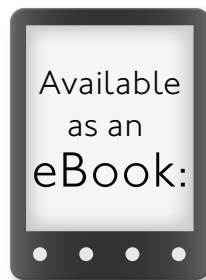
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