

## **LEVEL UP**

### **Part 1: God's Blessings**

#### **GOD'S BLESSINGS**

- God's blessing - what is it?
  1. To give divine favor, to honor, to cause well being, to endow with ability
- What will God's blessings do for us?
  1. Increase our capacity
  2. Override some of the pressure we experience
  3. Make life better - His blessings make rich and add no sorrow with it
- The bigger picture of God's blessings
  1. To make us a blessing
  2. The end result is that God is glorified **(2 Corinthians 9:11 NKJV)**

#### **A MAN GOD BLESSED (1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NKJV)**

- A rough start to life - a bad name
  1. He will cause pain is a label he would have to overcome
  2. An innocent victim of that name
- He had a desire to live differently
  1. Wanted to rise above his name and not cause pain
  2. The key label for Jabez was - more honorable
- A prayer that God granted
  1. He asked for God's blessings
  2. Jabez asked God to do for him what he could not do on his own

#### **LEVEL UP GOD'S BLESSINGS**

- Don't put a negative label and name on things and people
  1. To this year
  2. To your love ones - a name they will have to overcome
  3. To yourself - we are aware of our weak areas, but can't be the biggest thing **(Philemon 6-7 NKJV)**
- Cultivate an honorable blessing mentality and lifestyle
  1. A desire to see people around us blessed and refreshed
  2. Requires a consistent resistance to the selfish flow of the world around us **(Romans 12:2 NKJV)**
  3. Practice a blessed lifestyle (practice being a blessing)
- Ask God
  1. For the wisdom to live more honorably - toward Him and toward others
  2. For the wisdom to cause less pain this year **(1 Peter 5:6 NKJV)**
  3. Ask God to do for you what you can not do