



# FRANKLIN ROAD

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## LIMITED?



MOST OF US HAVE HAD TO DEAL WITH TOOLS OR APPLIANCES THAT WERE LIMITED. IN THE KITCHEN YOU MAY HAVE HAD A SMALL OVEN THAT COULDN'T BAKE A 20-POUND TURKEY, OR A 900-WATT MICROWAVE THAT HAD A HARD TIME MAKING POPCORN. MAYBE IT WAS THE HAND MIXER THAT WIMPED OUT WHEN TRYING TO MIX BREAD DOUGH. IN THE SHOP YOUR SMALL CORDLESS DRILL

COULDN'T GET THROUGH MANY 2X4'S AND YOUR 4" PLANER WAS NOT VERY HELPFUL WITH 6" BOARDS. THEN TOO, THAT CIGARETTE LIGHTER VACUUM DIDN'T PICK UP MUCH.

BUT WHAT ABOUT A LIMITED GOD? THOUGH WE KNOW IT'S NOT SO, DON'T WE SOMETIMES ACT AS THOUGH OUR PROBLEMS OR ISSUES ARE TOO BIG FOR HIM TO HANDLE?

CONSIDER THE SCENARIO IN NUMBERS 11. HERE WE FIND THE NOTORIOUS GRUMBLERS COMPLAINING TO MOSES ABOUT HAVING NO MEAT AND LONGING ONCE AGAIN FOR WHAT THEY LEFT IN EGYPT. (VS. 4-5). NEVER MIND THAT GOD HAD ALREADY PROVIDED THEM WITH WATER FROM A ROCK AND DAILY MANNA, THAT WASN'T ENOUGH! SO, MOSES GOT FRUSTRATED AND ASKS GOD, "WHERE AM I TO GET MEAT TO GIVE ALL OF THIS PEOPLE?" (V. 13). NOW THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THAT QUESTION ISN'T THERE. MOSES ASSUMED HE'D HAVE TO BE THE ONE WHO'D PROVIDE FOR THE PEOPLE. HOW SILLY! BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. IN VERSES 18-20 GOD PROMISES THAT HE'LL PROVIDE MEAT FOR HIS PEOPLE. TO WHICH MOSES RESPONDS IN AFFECT "DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE OVER 600,000 MEN HERE AND EVEN IF WE SLAUGHTERED EVERY ANIMAL WE HAVE OR GATHERED ALL OF THE FISH OF THE SEA, THERE STILL WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO FEED THESE FOLKS." (SEE VS. 21-22). NOW MOSES WAS FOOLISHLY FIXATED ON ONLY THE RESOURCES HE COULD SEE AND THE FIGURING HE COULD DO. (WE ALL LIKE TO DO OUR OWN FIGURING DON'T WE?)

GOD REMINDED MOSES OF WHAT HE'D FORGOTTEN BY ASKING, "IS THE LORD'S POWER LIMITED?" (V. 22). GOD PROVES HIS POWER AND KEEPS HIS PROMISE OF MEAT BY PROVIDING QUAIL (V. 31). IN FACT, LOTS OF QUAIL ALL AROUND THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE ISRAELITE CAMP FOR AT LEAST TEN MILES AND STACKED THREE FEET DEEP!

IS YOUR GOD TOO SMALL? HAVE YOU NEGLECTED HIS PROMISES OR FORGOTTEN HIS PAST PROVISIONS? AS GOD DID WITH MOSES, WE NEED TO ASK OURSELVES, "IS THE LORD'S POWER LIMITED?" OF COURSE, THE ANSWER IS OF COURSE NOT!

LOOKING UP!

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