

Series: One Prayer  
(Part 2 of 4)  
**“Unstoppable”**  
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**Discussion Starter:** Have you ever been “stuck” in traffic at the airport or in an elevator? Briefly describe that experience and the way you felt at the time.

**Explore:** Read Luke 18:18-27.

Have you ever tried to string thread through the eye of a needle? It’s not easy. What about a camel through a needle? It’s downright impossible. Jesus used this analogy to make a strong point about the kingdom of God.

1. What do we know about the man who approached Jesus in this chapter (vs. 18)? What question did he ask?
2. How did Jesus respond to the man’s question (vs. 19-22)?
3. Why did the man become sad (vs. 23-25)? What ultimately kept the man in the story from experiencing God’s best?
4. What concern did those listening to this conversation have (vs. 26-27)? What incredible hope did Jesus offer?

**Reflect:** Review the LG and discuss the questions below.

1. Pastor Bezet said, “The only unstoppable force in the world is the will of God and the plans of God.” What thoughts or feelings come to the surface as you reflect on that statement?
2. Gideon was stuck in a “trap” of fear. List other “traps” which can keep us from moving forward in God’s plans and purposes.
3. God saw Gideon as a “mighty warrior,” not because of his “potential” but because of his “position” in God’s family. What does this say about the way God views you?
4. Read Ephesians 3:20. God’s strength empowered Gideon to get out of his pit. Looking back over your life, share one trap you know God has helped you to overcome?
5. Sometimes we let our “buts” get in the way of God’s best. What is one excuse you have used that has kept you from following God?

**Live:**

As a group: Sub-group by guys and gals and then discuss the following question. Only God can unlock the “traps” in our lives. What is one area of your life where you need God’s help today? Close by praying for one another.

On your own: Often times we are unable to move forward into God’s plan and purpose because we use the word “but” followed by excuses. This week stop saying “I can’t” and start saying “God can!”

## Listening Guide Notes

*“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.” –Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)*

*“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.” –Galatians 5:1 (NIV)*

**Lessons from Gideon:**

1. God’s plan unlocks my potential.

*“The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belong to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites.” –Judges 6:11 (NIV)*

*“When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, ‘The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.’” –Judges 6:12 (NIV)*

*“‘But, sir,’ Gideon replied, ‘if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us out of Egypt? But now the LORD has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian.’” –Judges 6:13 (NIV)*

2. God’s plan is better than I can imagine.

*“The LORD turned to him and said, ‘Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midians hand. Am I not sending you?’” –Judges 6:14 (NIV)*

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.” –Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)*

3. God’s plan helps me overcome.

*“‘But LORD,’ Gideon asked, ‘how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.’” –Judges 6:15 (NIV)*