

Mind the GAP – close the GAP



(Luke 6:46) "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

(2 Timothy 3:5) having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

- What we believe ----- What we actually do
- The gap is **lack of obedience – sin**

(James 4:17, NLT) Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.



(Acts 12:13-16) Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognised Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

Psalms 100:3 Know that the Lord is God.

Jeremiah 32:27 (NLT) "I am the Lord... Is anything too hard for me?"

Jeremiah 33:3 (NKJV) 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

- What we know God can do ----- What we expect God to do
- The gap is a **lack of faith**

(John 6:9) "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"



(John 14:12) I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

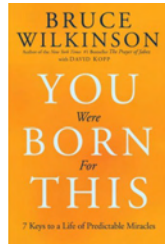
Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that **we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.**

- God's potential for us ----- Our actual performance
- The gap is **lack of living UHI**

Ephesians 3:20 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,

(Acts 2:43) Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

- **Small gap = happening, growing, supernatural, impacting church**



(Acts 4:23-24) On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

(Acts 4:29) Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

- **Pray stretch gap closing prayers**

(Acts 4:30) Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

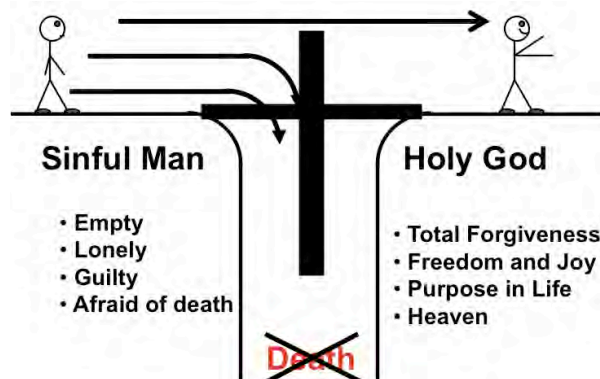
- **God we want to impact our world so empower us, stretch us, and use us**

(Acts 4:31) After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

(John 13:17) Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

How to close the gap:

1. **Close the gap between your belief and your practice**
 2. **Live God's potential for you 24/7**
 3. **Impact your world for God and eternity**
- **The Bible must be read, believed, and practiced as the FINAL authority in every area of our lives**



(Acts 4:12) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NKJV = New King James Version. NLT = New Living Translation.