



# Accepting Our Limits

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## **Psalm 23:2–4**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he  
restores my soul. He leads me in right  
paths for his name's sake. Even though I  
walk through the darkest valley, I fear no  
evil; for you are with me; your rod and  
your staff – they comfort me.**



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### **Exodus 14:11–12**

**They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, ‘Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”**



### **Exodus 16:3**

**The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”**



## **Exodus 17:3**

**But the people thirsted there for water;  
and the people complained against  
Moses and said, “Why did you bring us  
out of Egypt, to kill us and our children  
and livestock with thirst?”**

 Joshua 5:6

**For the Israelites traveled forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the LORD. To them the LORD swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey.**



**Hubris – “exaggerated pride or self-confidence”**

***Merriam-Webster***



It's only hubris if I fail.

~ Julius Caesar

AZ QUOTES



*Success breeds  
arrogance, and  
arrogance breeds  
failure.*

CHRISTIAN RENAUD





# HUBRIS

YOU'RE SMART. YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL. YOU'RE AT THE TOP OF YOUR GAME.  
BUT DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD.



An arrogant person considers himself perfect.  
This is the chief harm of arrogance. It interferes  
with a person's main task in life—becoming a  
better person.

(Leo Tolstoy)

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## **Job 38:1–21**

**Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.**



**Where were you when I laid the  
foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you  
have understanding. Who determined its  
measurements – surely you know! Or  
who stretched the line upon it? On what  
were its bases sunk, or who laid its  
cornerstone when the morning stars  
sang together and all the heavenly  
beings shouted for joy?**



**Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?**



**Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and it is dyed like a garment. Light is withheld from the wicked, and their uplifted arm is broken.**



**Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.**



**Where is the way to the dwelling of light,  
and where is the place of darkness, that  
you may take it to its territory and that  
you may discern the paths to its home?  
Surely you know, for you were born then,  
and the number of your days is great!”**



## **Job 42:1–6**

**Then Job answered the LORD: “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’**



**Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."**



## **Proverbs 3:1–7**

**My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.**



**Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people.**



**Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.**



## **Psalm 25**

**To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**



**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths. Lead me in your  
truth, and teach me, for you are the God  
of my salvation; for you I wait all day  
long.**



**Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**



**Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**



**For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Who are they that fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.**



**They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever toward the LORD for he will pluck my feet out of the net.**



**Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**



**Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.**





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