

UPGRADE

PUSH YOUR LIMITS // DANNY ANDERSON

Upgrade: an **improvement**, a new **version**, improved **model**

“I came that they may have life and have it **abundantly**.”
John 10:10

An upgrade will require you to push your limits.

“Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.” — T.S. Eliot

“Be **strong** and **courageous**, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them.” *Joshua 1:6*

“Be **strong** and very **courageous**.” *Joshua 1:7*

“This is my command—be **strong** and **courageous**! Do not be **afraid** or **discouraged**.” *Joshua 1:9*

Every upgrade involves effort from you and from God.

So the people left their camp to cross the Jordan, and the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them. It was the harvest season, and the Jordan was overflowing its banks. But as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the Ark touched the water at the river’s edge, the water above that point began backing up a great distance away at a town called Adam, which is near Zarethan. And the water below that point flowed on to the Dead Sea until the riverbed was dry. Then all the people crossed over near the town of Jericho. *Joshua 3:14-16*

When the people heard the sound of the rams’ horns, they shouted as loud as they could. Suddenly, the **walls of Jericho collapsed**, and the Israelites charged straight into the town and captured it. *Joshua 6:20*

How much should I push?

As much as you possibly can.

“One must develop an instinct for what can just barely achieve through one’s greatest efforts.” — Albert Einstein

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.” — Saint Augustine

Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For **God is working** in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. *Philippians 2:13-14*

You are not alone.

“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is **with you** wherever you go.” *Joshua 1:9*

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally **finished** on the day when Christ Jesus returns. *Philippians 1:6*

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Where do you need to push the limit?

To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit eclife.org/groups to access this week’s group discussion questions.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org’s EVENTS page

Upgrade Devotional

As part of our Upgrade series, Emmanuel Church is embarking on a 21-Day Fast from January 13 to February 2. A fast is temporarily abstaining from something, like food, in order to intensify our expression of need for God and his work in our lives. Pick up a special Upgrade devotional in the lobby or visit eclife.org to receive daily Scripture and encouragement, and follow along with your small group during the fast.

VERB

Designed to help 7th-12th grade students connect with God and with one another, each month’s VERB focuses on a different theme that will help students grow in their relationship with Jesus.

When: Sunday, January 12, 6:00-7:30pm

Where: Greenwood Campus E-Café & Auditorium

High School Retreat

This year at the high school retreat, we want to learn how to get to know ourselves and live in confidence of how God created each one of us uniquely and without fear of other people’s opinions. Register at eclife.org/events.

Who: 9th-12th grade students

When: Friday, Jan. 24, 5:00pm – Saturday, Jan. 25, 2:00pm

Where: Boys - Greenwood Campus Fieldhouse
Girls - Franklin Campus

Cost: \$35 (*Invite a friend who does not attend a church to register for free!*)

Father & Son Adventure

Calling all dads and their sons! We’re attending an Emmanuel service together and then heading to Bankers Life Fieldhouse to see the Indiana Pacers take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Invite a father and son, who don’t attend a church, and they can attend for free! Visit eclife.org/events for more details and to sign up.

Who: Fathers (and father figures) and sons (up to 12th grade)

When: Saturday, March 21 at 3:30pm