



“Believing God *IN* the Impossible”

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As Christians we know we serve a miracle working God who does the impossible. God spoke prophetically to the Elders. He said... “I will send you divine opportunities. Will you be willing to walk in them? Are you willing to pray for the impossible things, to do the impossible things? “Don’t worry about the outcome, obey me.”

- Mark 10:27, Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

Everyone has faith but... Where you *put your faith* is very, very important.

- We think we are believing God but too often we are not believing in God and his unchanging character, we are believing only in God bring about a positive outcome that we can agree with.
- Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 17:14). He has a plan and taught us to pray, that His kingdom comes and his will is done.

What motivates God to do the impossible?

- Is it our goodness, our need, our spirituality, the degree of distress?
- Acts 3: 12-16, When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us *as if by our own power or godliness* we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. *By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.*

It's not enough to have a miracle without the miracle message of Jesus Christ.

- He does miracles to bring revelation of the greatness of who he is to the world. He wants miracles to be accompanied by testimony of how wonderful he is SO THAT WE WILL PUT OUR FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM AND TEACH OTHERS TO DO THE SAME AND WE ALL BENEFIT ETERNALLY! (Acts 14:3)
- What does it benefit a person to gain their health and lose their life? (Mark 8: 35-38)

So what is it about the impossible that throws us for such a loop?

- Because it is impossible! We tend to deal with the impossible through the eyes of our resources. That always causes us to doubt. Focusing on our resources is death to faith in Jesus Christ.
- The sooner we can become to grips with the impossible being truly impossible and transfer our faith onto Jesus Christ who makes the impossible possible, the sooner we are on the way to the possibility of a miracle.
- We don't apply old lessons to new problems very well.

Faith vs. Presumption-Where is the line?

- We need to be able to pray for miracles and not insist on the outcome. That is why we ASK, WE DON'T COMMAND OR DEMAND unless the Spirit of God is telling us to.
- What do we do with our disappointment? Our reaction now defines whether we were in operating in faith or presumption. Can we say with Job 1: 21, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised." (Also Lamentations chapter 3)

- James 4: 2-3 says, “You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.
- We get angry with God because we are trusting in our own wisdom and not in HIS. Our faith is in an outcome, not in God’s character and wisdom. It is very dangerous to judge God with our “wisdom.”
- NOT GETTING OUR PRAYER’S ANSWERED IS NOT FAILURE- UNLESS WE QUIT BELIEVING THAT JESUS CHRIST’S WISDOM is far greater than our own!!!! True failure is when we quit believing that Jesus is good, loving, powerful, and cares for us no matter how things turn out. (Rom. 8:28)
- Do not put your faith in your faith. Do not put your faith in your understanding and judge God as being unfaithful. Do not put your faith in the quality of your prayer. Make it your aim to bring FAME to Jesus!!

Impossibilities come all forms:

- Anything that is clearly beyond your control and ability, is a wonderful opportunity for you and I to come boldly to the throne of grace to find mercy for our time of need.

Instant miracles vs. progressive miracles:

- God is a multi-tasking God. God wants to see many people conformed to the character of Jesus Christ which brings an eternal benefit.
- If an instant miracle works best, so be it. If a progressive miracle serves God’s purposes best-hallelujah! Don’t assume which direction God will go. Always expect his best.

Praying for the Impossible is Evangelism:

- God wants us praying for the impossible in the lives of the unsaved. It makes a clear statement that God is real and really cares for them.
- We need to open our eyes to the impossible needs around us. We cannot make anyone a guarantee but we can offer to pray and ask God. The results are his. 1 Cor. 13.
- Prayer encourages the needy and it encourages us so that we apply the lessons to the next situation and our faith and confidence in God grows.

It’s time to learn how to believe God IN the Impossible.