



## “Believing God IN the Impossible-Part 2”

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God spoke to us as Elders and 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.”

Look closer at the Prophetic Word given to us:

- “I will send you divine opportunities”. That is code for *blessing disguised as hardship*. It means they are from God and are not sent to destroy you, but to draw you closer and do you good, not harm.
- “Are you willing to pray for the impossible things, to do the impossible things? Being in the middle of the impossible situations is not comfortable! He is asking us an important question-are we willing to be uncomfortable for a season?
- “Don’t worry about the outcome, obey me.” That means you are free from having to worry about the results. You don’t have to defend God or yourself regardless of how things turn out.

Luke 18: 27, Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." (Mark 10:27)

**Many impossibilities come in multiples!** That can seem overwhelming but the same principle and the same God applies to all impossibilities.

**The heart of faith-if a miracle happens, we don’t have a problem believing God. If things don’t go how I want them to go...will I still say, you are good God?** God’s Word and his unchanging character is the only true anchor of our lives! They are to be the focus of our faith. The favor of God rests on those who REFUSE to let go of God’s unfailing love.

- Ps. 32:10, Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.
- Ps. 33:22, May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.
- **Faith is my refusing to stop believing that God is good, loving, caring, powerful.** I can’t say this enough. You watch someone who is asking God for something, doesn’t get it, and watch their reaction.
- Romans 9:33 As it is written: "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

**Warning- Danger!** Those who don’t get what they want and then get angry and upset with God, then decide to judge and reject him, are courting disaster.

- The fruit of offense and distrust: when you pull your trust away from God, you can no longer feel his presence, can’t hear his voice, you have to take care of yourselves so you will be filled with anxiety and fear, torment.
- Prov. 8: 35-36, For whoever finds me (finds the truth of his heart for us) finds life and receives favor from the LORD. But whoever fails to find me harms himself; all who hate me love death."

**Faith vs. Presumption:**

Our reaction to disappointment defines whether we were in operating in faith or presumption.

- 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." (see Lamentations chapter 3)
- God is not obligated to do whatever you and I ask him to do. He is the King.
- Do not put your faith in your faith. Do not put your faith in the quality of your prayer.

- 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.
- Pray for miracles but avoid giving God an ultimatum. He is a compassionate and gracious King

**God IS Good.** Listen:

- Matthew 7: 11, If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!
- Luke 12:32, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

**The impossible confirms God's message.** The message is: there is no other God but me. There is no other savior but Jesus Christ. Signs and wonders will follow those who believe in my name-overused and abused but still true.

- Acts 14: 3, So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, *speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace* by enabling them to do miraculous signs and wonders.

**Praying for the impossible is like learning how to fish:**

- As a pastor I am supposed to teach you how to pray and expect God to do the amazing; but not do all the praying and believing for you.
- I have been teaching my granddaughters how to fish.
- If I do it all for them they won't learn.
- Learning to pray for the impossible is the same thing.

**When faced with the impossible, we need to encourage one another.**

- 1 Thess. 5:11, Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
- Fear is infectious but so is faith.
- In any impossibility you can be relaxed and confident in his character and his word.