

What Impossible Looks Like Through God's Eyes

Good Morning One and All. Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ.

The title of my message this morning is: *What Impossible Looks Like Through God's Eyes*.

My wife wears prescription glasses that are quite strong. What this means is that when she is NOT wearing her prescription lenses, the world around her looks a particular way, and the key word to describe the way the world looks to her, is the word: **Blurry!**

On the other hand, when she is wearing her lenses it gives her a completely different perspective of the world around her, suddenly everything becomes crystal clear and her outlook is completely transformed.

I am hoping that as we go through these various passages of scripture, that we begin to receive a bit of clarity and transform our outlook on situations that we may otherwise have described as "impossible". But when we now look at them through the lens of God's Word, we begin to see that, in Him all things are possible.

The Bible reads as follows in:

Zechariah 8:6-8 Amplified Bible

⁶Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'If it is difficult in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days [in which this comes to pass], will it also be difficult in My sight?' declares the Lord of hosts. ⁷Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Behold, I am going to save My people from the east country and from the west, ⁸and I will bring them home and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth (faithfulness) and in righteousness.'

In Hebrew, the word "difficult" here, is the word - paʿal (PAW-LAW), and it means

To be marvellous, wonderful, surpassing, extraordinary, separate by distinguishing action;

To be beyond one's power, be difficult to do;

To be difficult to understand;

To be wonderful, be extraordinary;

To do extraordinary or hard or difficult things;

To make wonderful, do wondrously;

So the Question is: if it is *difficult, extraordinary, hard, beyond one's power*, in the eyes of man, is it the same in the eyes of God?

The answer is point number 1 of my message, and the Answer is:

1. IT DEPENDS

Matthew 19:26 Amplified Bible

²⁶But Jesus looked at them and said, "With people [as far as it depends on them] it is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

The answer to whether something is impossible or not depends.

It depends on who you are depending on.

If you are depending on yourself, your brother, your sister, your uncle, your cousin or your Pastor to get it right and make it happen, then it remains impossible.

Your skills will not make the impossible possible.

But If you are depending on God to make the impossible possible, then with God all things are possible. So you see, it really does depend.

Q: Stewart do you really think I can come first in my High School? Well it depends. Who are you depending on?

Q: Stewart do you really think I can win my division in my triathlon? Well, it depends on who you are depending on, yourself, or Christ?

Q: Stewart do you really think I can pull of a whole entire wedding in the current economic climate, slash (/) Covid-19 climate? Well, it depends on whom you are depending.

Here is my question to you? How do you switch dependencies, from depending on yourself or others, to depending on God?

One way, is to stop doubting! The reason often times, that we make a Plan B is because we doubt that God will indeed come through for us. How do we stop doubting? One of the ways is to remind ourselves about the things God has done. Which brings me to my second point this morning:

2. Counteract Doubt by reminding yourself of God's Track Record (The Things He has done)

Jeremiah 32:17

"Oh, Lord GOD! You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for You!

What am I doing? I'm expelling doubt by reminding myself that the same God who made the heavens and the earth, is the same God who will help me to come first in my High School, win my triathlon and pull off my perfect wedding.

Romans 1:20 Amplified Bible

²⁰For ever since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through His workmanship [all His creation, the wonderful things that He has made], so that they [who fail to believe and trust in Him] are without excuse and without defence.

Stewart, you don't understand, it's so difficult for me to trust that God will come through.

You are without Excuse and without Defense because you only have to look around you and you will see that all of creation testifies of the marvellous things God has already done, Amen.

Psalm 18:17 Amplified Bible

¹⁷He rescued me from my strong enemy,
And from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.

What is God's track record? What did God do? He rescued me from my strong enemy and those who hated me, for they were too strong for me.

It was impossible for me, but God came through. They were not too strong for God.

Psalm 54:7 Contemporary English Version

⁷You have rescued me from all of my troubles,
and my own eyes have seen my enemies fall.

Just in case you struggle a bit to remember some of the things God has done Here are Seven (7) seemingly Impossible Things God did in the Bible:

7 Impossible Things God Accomplished in the Bible

1. Moses drew water from a stone (Exodus 17:6).
2. Two Barren women were able to conceive children (Sarah and Elizabeth).
3. Esther saved her Jewish kin from being slaughtered (Esther 3-9).
4. A virgin, Mary, gave birth to the Son of God (Luke 1:26).
5. In Judges 4, God delivered Jabin and the Canaanite army into the hands of Israel, although the enemy army was mightier than Israel's army.
6. In 2 Samuel 5, David asked God if he should attack the Philistines. The Lord promised David to "give the Philistines into your hand," a promise He fulfilled. (vv.19, 20)
7. Job was a man of God who lost everything, but the Almighty was able to do in Job's life what would have been absolutely impossible for man.

God defeats our physical enemies, but He also conquers **the ones we cannot see**.

John Piper said:

"There is no disease, no addiction, no demon, no bad habit, no fault, no vice, no weakness, no temper, no moodiness, no pride, no self-pity, no strife, no jealousy, no perversion, no greed, no laziness that **Christ will not overcome** as **the enemy of his honour**."

I would encourage you this morning and throughout the course of the week to search your heart and lay these unseen enemies before Jesus and trust Him to help you to overcome them.

Here are Three (3) Things to Remember about **Accomplishing the Possible**:

1. The Power to accomplish the impossible comes from God.

At first glance, you might want to credit the main characters in these ***biblical accounts*** with the victory, but the power **comes from the Father**. (He is the Source)

Jon Bloom said in his Desiring God article, "God never calls us to any kingdom responsibility we are capable of pulling off on our own."

To put it slightly differently: If you could do it On Your Own, Without God's Help ... who do you think would get the Glory!!!!

Which brings me to my second point:

2. The impossible is accomplished for God's glory.

God brought forth life-giving water, saved lives, and created life.

God is **most glorified** by bringing an event to pass which **seems impossible**, demonstrating that only His power is sufficient.

Jon Bloom said: "Nothing teaches us prayerful dependence like the desperation that comes from being assigned to do what you can't do without God."

3. The impossible is accomplished through Prayer.

When a problem becomes worse and praying for a solution seems pointless,

Luke 11:9 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

⁹So I say to you, Ask and keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek and keep on seeking and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you.

Erik Raymond wrote at The Gospel Coalition, "prayer is a blood-bought privilege for those who trust and treasure Jesus."

Point Number Three (3):

3. Have Faith

One of the greatest challenges Jesus continually gave his followers was to have faith. He knew that having faith held the power to make amazing things happen.

Peter had a little faith and walked on water in (Matt 14:29). A bleeding woman had a little faith and was healed after 12 years of no hope in (Matt 9:20-22). A little bit of faith enabled the blind to see in (Mark 10:46-52) and brought the dead back to life in (Hebr 11:35).

Question: How can we tell when there's an absence of faith in our life? We stop believing in the impossible, and we settle for living a small life.

Matthew 17:19-20 NIV

¹⁹Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" ²⁰He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move.

Nothing will be impossible for you."

Romans 4:18 (MSG)

When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!"

Please note the context (**when everything was hopeless**)

Faith in God makes the impossible possible. Abraham had a serious mountain, a seemingly expired promise of God to become a father of many nations. He and his wife were past the age of childbearing and yet, he believed anyway. I challenge each and every one of us to believe anyway, despite the obvious, hopeless circumstances.

Abraham's faith in God was able to move mountains because he had the courage to turn and talk to God to the point of trusting him to do the impossible.

4. TAKE A RISK OF FAITH

Matthew 9:20 (MSG)

Just then a woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years slipped in from behind and lightly touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, "If I can just put a finger on his robe, I'll get well." Jesus turned-caught her at it. Then he reassured her: "Courage, daughter. You took a risk of faith, and now you're well." The woman was well from then on.

You are going to have to step out in faith, take the risk and place your trust in God.

It won't be easy, the hardest part will be getting past Yourself as the biggest hindrance.

But if you are prepared to push past yourself and any other obstacle to take the risk of being able to touch the hem of his garment, I believe you will experience on a first hand basis, the power of God to accomplish the impossible. It won't just be something that you hear others talk about, it will be something you experience for yourself.

I encourage you, take a leap of faith, with Christ, nothing is impossible. Amen