

WHEN THE IMPOSSIBLE BECOMES POSSIBLE

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Matt. 19:16-29

This story also found in Mark 10 and Luke 18

It is a story of priorities. He did not tell all people to do what He asked this young man.

The moral is that God wants you to have things, but doesn't want things to have you.

Our point today, though, is that with God all things are *possible*. Possibility living.

Impossible: Incapable of having existence or of occurring. Not capable of being accomplished.

Unacceptable; intolerable. Extremely difficult to deal with or tolerate.

We are aware of most of what is possible in the natural by calculating and discerning with our senses and logic.

As believers, *nothing* is impossible.

Luke 1:37 *For with God nothing shall be impossible.* (The angel to Mary, concerning the virgin birth.)

We are more than natural beings, we are supernatural beings, created in the image of the the creator. We are not part of the creation but part of the creator.

Eph. 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*

Our exploits, victories and successes are limited only by the limits that we ourselves impose.

Dan. 11:32 *...: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*

All things are possible to them that;

I. **Have Forsaken All.**

A. Made God the first priority in life.

Mark 12:30 *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.*

1. Equals dying to self.

B. Peter understood this as a matter of unchanging commitment.

John 6:66-69 *From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. :67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? :68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. :69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.*

II. Believe.

- A. Believers must develop possibility thinking.
Mark 9:23 *Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.*
 - 1. It becomes part of your renewed thinking.
Phil. 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*
 - a. Realize that God is your source.
 - b. Makes all things possible.
- B. Develop a Word based belief system.
 - 1. Faith is acting on your belief system.
- C. Is essential for receiving the promises of God.
Hebr. 6:12 *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*
 - 1. Lack of faith hinders progress.
Hebr. 4:6 *...and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*

III. Are Unmoved By Other's Opinions.

Mark 10:34

- A. Our belief system is what makes us peculiar.
Titus 2:14 *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*
 - 1. Peculiar, beyond usual.
 - a. Unusual faith will make you an unusual person.
 - 2. The world system tries to make us conform.
 - a. Peculiar people are transformed by renewing their mind.
Rom. 12:2 *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
 - b. The world tries to strip us of being individuals.*
- B. Peer pressure and popular opinion will try to influence us to not believe and subsequently not act on our belief system.
- C. The masses supported Jesus when He was on top but rejected Him as He fulfilled the will of the Father.

God has called us to be supernatural beings, walking in faith and victory so that the impossible becomes possible, and the possible becomes our reality.

***INDIVIDUALISM**

Individualism has been historically attacked by politician and philosophers.

"The main plank in the National Socialist program is to abolish the liberalistic concept of the individual and the Marxist concept of humanity and to substitute for them the folk community, rooted in the soil and bound together by the bond of its common blood." Adolph Hitler

"It is thus necessary that the individual should come to realize that his own ego is of no importance in comparison with the existence of his nation; that the position of the individual ego is conditioned solely by the interests of the nation as a whole ... that above all the unity of a nation's spirit and will are worth far more than the freedom of the spirit and will of an individual. This state of mind, which subordinates the interests of the ego to the conservation of the community, is really the first premise for every truly human culture we understand only the individual's capacity to make sacrifices for the community, for his fellow man." Adolph Hitler

There is the great, silent, continuous struggle: the struggle between the State and the Individual; between the State which demands and the individual who attempts to evade such demands. Because the individual, left to himself, unless he be a saint or hero, always refuses to pay taxes, obey laws, or go to war. Benito Mussolini

"Comrades! We must abolish the cult of the individual decisively, once and for all." Nikita Khrushchev

"At a time when our entire country is banding together and **facing down individualism**, the Patriots set a wonderful example, showing us all what is possible when we work together, believe in each other, and sacrifice for the greater good." Ted Kennedy

"All our lives we fought against exalting the individual, against the elevation of the single person, and long ago we were over and done with the business of a hero, and here it comes up again: the glorification of one personality. This is not good at all." Vladimir Lenin

We must stop thinking of the individual and start thinking about what is best for society."
(Hillary Clinton, 1993)

"We can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans ..." (President Bill Clinton, USA Today, March 11, 1993, Page 2A)

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