



CHRIST'S COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP

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Pray to the God of the Impossible

Word:

“Ah, Sovereign Lord, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You. . . I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?” Jeremiah 32:17,27

A lot of people can claim that they know Jesus Christ but there is a huge difference between knowing about Jesus and having a personal relationship with Him. In John 17:3 Jesus tells us ***now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the One True God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*** This verse tells us that there is no eternal life apart from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It has to be a personal relationship, it cannot be a second-hand relationship.

In Jeremiah 9:23-24 it says ***Thus says the Lord, let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not a mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches*** These are three things that the world boasts of and holds in esteem such as riches, influence, power, strength. There is nothing wrong with these things but when we have these things we have a tendency to become boastful and tend to rely on them as a source of our identity. These are things that may seem important but Jeremiah continues on to say ***but let him to boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that i am the Lord that exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for i delight in these things, says the Lord.*** The journey to knowing God is continuous and will only end when we come face to face with Him.

In movies it becomes possible to bring to life scenes that do not really exist, the impossible then seems to become possible. But in real life there are things that are impossible to achieve remain impossible. Fortunately for us we have a God who can do the impossible.

The God of the Impossible: A Partial “Resume”

Creation of the Heavens and the Earth	Virgin Birth of Christ
The Unconsumed Burning Bush	Star of Bethlehem
Transformation of Rod to Serpent	Over 300 Prophecies About Jesus Fulfilled
Plagues of Egypt	Feeding of Five Thousand Men
Pillar of Cloud and Fire	Feeding of Four Thousand Men
Parting of the Red Sea	Walking on Water
Daily Bread From Heaven	Healing of Lepers, Deaf, Blind, Mute, Lame
Water from the Rock	Great Catches of Fish
Drying Up of the Jordan	Water Into Wine
Collapse of Walls of Jericho	Raising of Lazarus from the Dead
Sun and Moon Standing Still	Tearing of the Temple Veil
Elijah Fed by Ravens	Resurrection of Christ
The Floating Ax-head	Rescue of Peter from Prison
Protection in the Fiery Furnace	Conversion of Saul to Paul

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These are just some of the impossible things our God has done. Going through the list we can only be blown away by the greatness of God. . . but the truth is God does not have to prove Himself to us. We owe Him our worship. We owe Him our reverence. And it is only right that we pray to the God to whom nothing is impossible.

The God of the Impossible

During the time of Babylon's rule over Jerusalem, God told Jeremiah to buy the field of Anathoth from his cousin Hanamel. Jeremiah obeyed even though it seemed unwise because the land was being overtaken by the Babylonians. But Jeremiah knew God. He trusted and obeyed because he knew God is the God of the impossible. God told him that houses, fields, and vineyards will again be bought in that land. This would happen past Jeremiah's lifetime but he obeyed for the sake of future generations.

The most impossible situation any human being can face is his eternal separation from God because of sin. Human intervention, religion, resolution, good works, rituals and sincere efforts cannot solve this problem. But the God of the impossible made a solution to this impossible situation. God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, for all our iniquities - His life for our life.

Knowing the God of the impossible begins with a personal relationship with Jesus when we surrender our lives to Him as our personal Lord and Savior. It is the beginning of experiencing the God who can make all things possible according to His great plan and high purpose.

Because God is the God of the impossible, therefore we should pray, we should trust and we should obey God regardless of our situation. Many times, God will not change our situation according to what we are praying for but He will change our hearts, perspectives, and desires so that we will be completely surrendered to Him whether the circumstance changes or not.

Have you ever wondered if God truly care about you? Well Jeremiah came to that point too, he says in verse 24-27 ***See how the siege ramps are built up to take the city. Because of the sword, famine and plague, the city will be given into the hands of the Babylonians who are attacking it. What you said has happened, as you now see. And though the city will be given into the hands of the Babylonians, you, Sovereign Lord, say to me, 'Buy the field with silver and have the transaction witnessed.' Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?"***

We are reminded in Psalm 139:13-16 ***For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.***

We all go through periods in our life when we feel that we are hopeless even to the point of asking God if He truly loves us. . . we tend to forget that God is so intricately involved in our lives. The important thing for us to watch out for is how we would respond during times of crisis. Jose Navajo in his book *Monday with my old Pastor* wrote *My responsibility is to think about God. It's God's responsibility to think about me.*

God chooses our circumstances, but we are responsible to choose our response. (Dr Agnes Sarthou) How we respond in times of difficulty is how we give glory to God. We just have to trust and believe that God has great and good plans for us. . . and like Jeremiah put our faith in God knowing and believing that He can do even the impossible.

Works: Journaling task

1. **Nothing is too difficult for Him.** Read Jeremiah 32. What made Jeremiah pray, trust and obey God?
2. **Ah, Lord God!** Are you in an impossible situation? What would make you say “ Ah God nothing is too difficult for you?”
3. **The God of the Impossible.** What is the most impossible prayer request you like to lay down before the God of the impossible? What are you willing to surrender to God to trust and obey Him? What is it that is hindering you from completely surrendering to God?