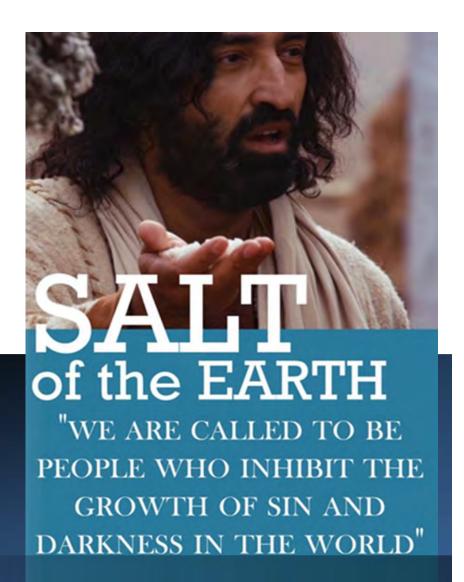
"With God All Things Are Possible" Matthew 9: 18-31

True Disciples of Christ will be criticized!
Stand for Christ,
impact your world –
be SALTY!!



IT IS TIME FOR TRUTH, CHURCH!

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LIVING FREE IN A WORLD OF LIES, HYPE & SPIN

Sometimes it seems God is asleep or doesn't care or doesn't notice me!



Verse 18 - 19 Raising a dead daughter - *Impossible?*

Jairus had a need, came to Jesus and *WORSHIPPED* Him!

Worship = to pay honor; to prostrate oneself; to bow down

Definitions — "Lord"

Kurios - meaning "power". Variously translated "master", "owner". Describes one having "power" or "authority" (cf. Matthew 28:18)

Worship also means to serve - Romans 12: 1

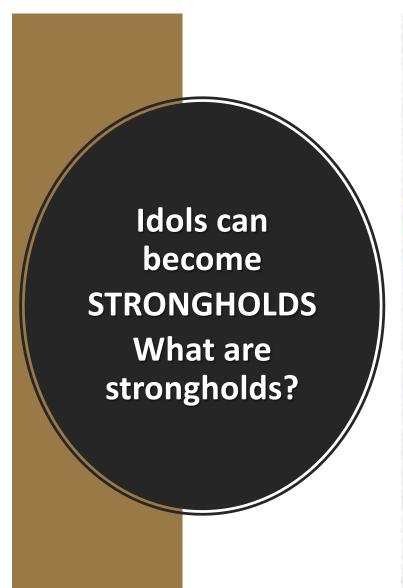
People worship and serve their idol -

Their flesh idols: drink, drugs, appearance, money, status, children, etc.

Their flesh emotions: fear, anxiety, worry, rage

Worship is service - whatever you make an idol of, you are worshipping, making it a god!

Second commandment: Do not make for yourself an idol - *WORSHIP GOD ONLY!*



STRONGHOLDS:



Drunkenness

Drugs

Unforgiveness

Anger

Anxiety

Lying

Laziness

Arrogance

Sexual Sin

Pride

Bitterness

Callousness

Depression

Manipulation

Bitterness

Religion

Strongholds defined:

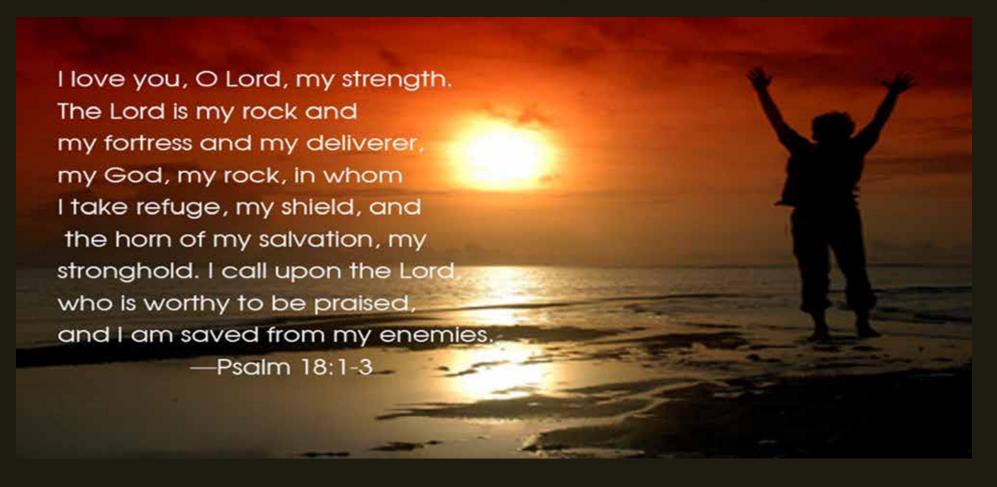
- 1) A fortified military stronghold
- 2) A false argument in which a person seeks shelter, a hiding place to escape reality

How do we deal with strongholds?

2 Corinthians 10: 3-5



Make God your <u>STRONGHOLD!</u> You are free to choose your stronghold!

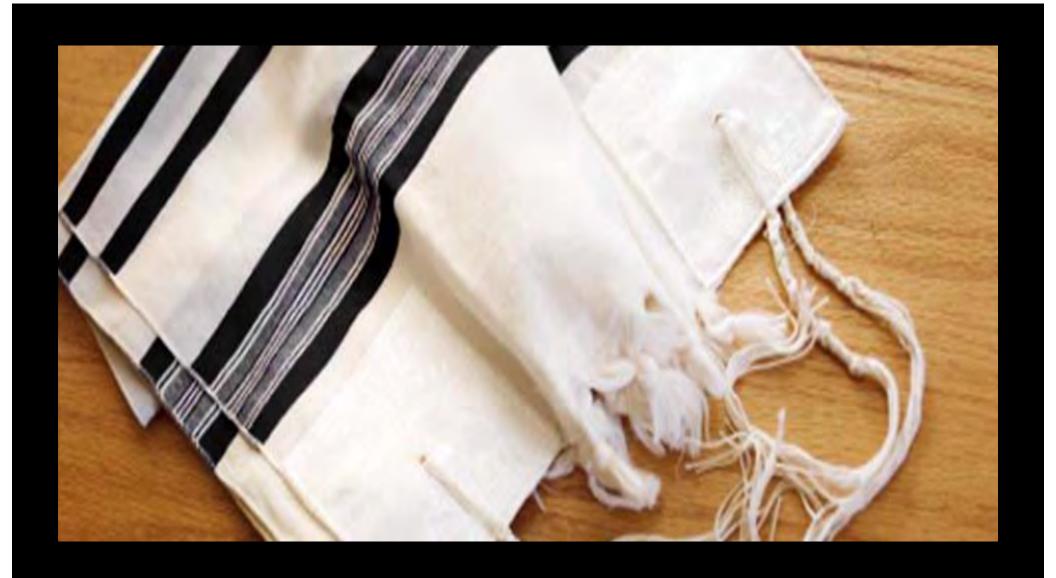


Verse 20 - 22 Healing a 12-year illness - *Impossible?*

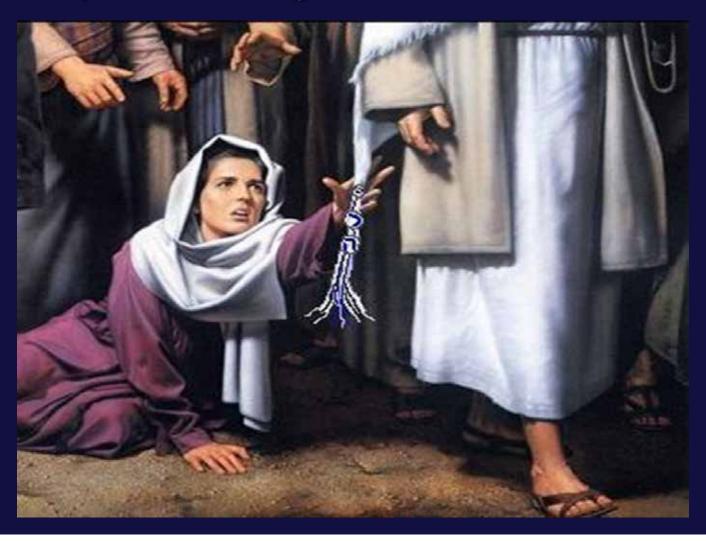
In the midst of the chaos, Jesus feels someone touch Him, the hem of His garment

What is so important about the hem of His garment?

"Tallit" = a Jewish prayer shawl with fringes attached to each of its four corner



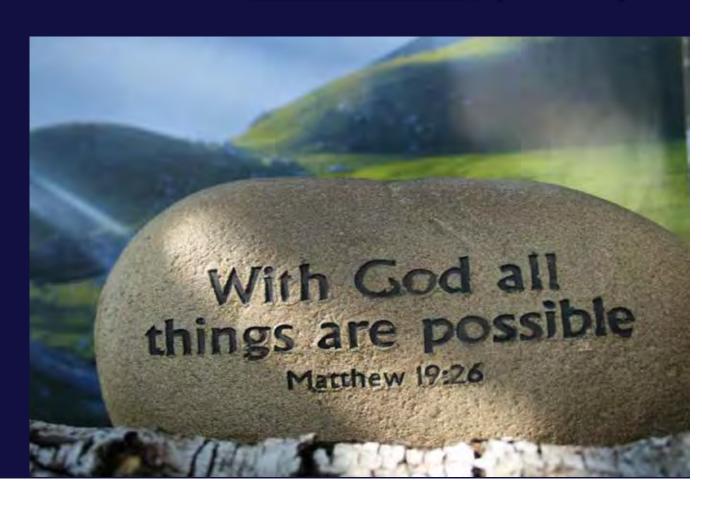
"If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well"



12 years - an issue of blood -

IMPOSSIBLE, you say?

WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!



With the paralytic - it was his friend's faith

With the woman - it was her faith

With both - faith was an important part of their healing

BELIEVE AND BE HEALED!

Verse 23 - 26 Raising the dead – *Impossible?*

Jesus enters into a death situation - IMPOSSIBLE?

The professional wailers (the world) ridiculed Him, criticized Him, laughed at Him

Jesus entered the chaos of the moment and brought *CALM!*

"He (Jesus) went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose"

<u>NEVER</u> think that God cannot enter into your impossible - miracles are possible!

Verse 27 - 31 Healing two blind men – *Impossible?*

"Son of David, have mercy on us" - (Messianic title)

They may have blind eyes, but their hearts saw who Jesus is: Messiah - their hope!

Jesus asks an important question:

"Do you believe I am able to do this?"

Faith was needed for the miracle to occur - faith moves the heart of God!

"Faith, being sure of what you hope for and certain of what we do not see" - Hebrews 11:1

Faith will get you into miracle country - no doubting!

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

James 1:6-8



It is not about your profession of faith, but truly believing by faith - GOD KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE!

Is faith a ticket to get whatever I want?

<u>NO!</u>

In the end, it must be "Thy will be done, God", not my will be done

God will give you the strength to endure, the courage to stand and the peace to persevere

God of the impossible is with you!

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Know that God is an expert at entering impossible situations

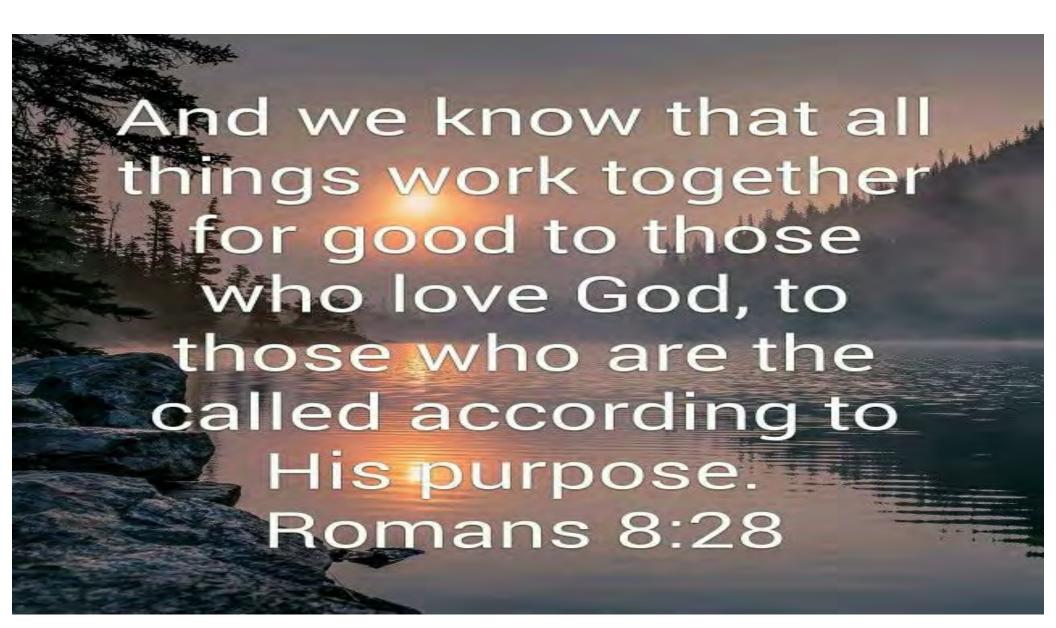
"I AM THE LORD,
THE GOD OF ALL MANKIND.
IS ANYTHING
TOO HARD FOR ME?

Our faith in God places us in miracle country

Our faith does not guarantee things will turn out as we hoped

During faith-testing time, I must realize a couple of truths:

- 1) Faith <u>does guarantee</u> that God is in the boat, the storm, the turmoil with me
- 2) You are <u>not alone</u> our God will go through the fire with you

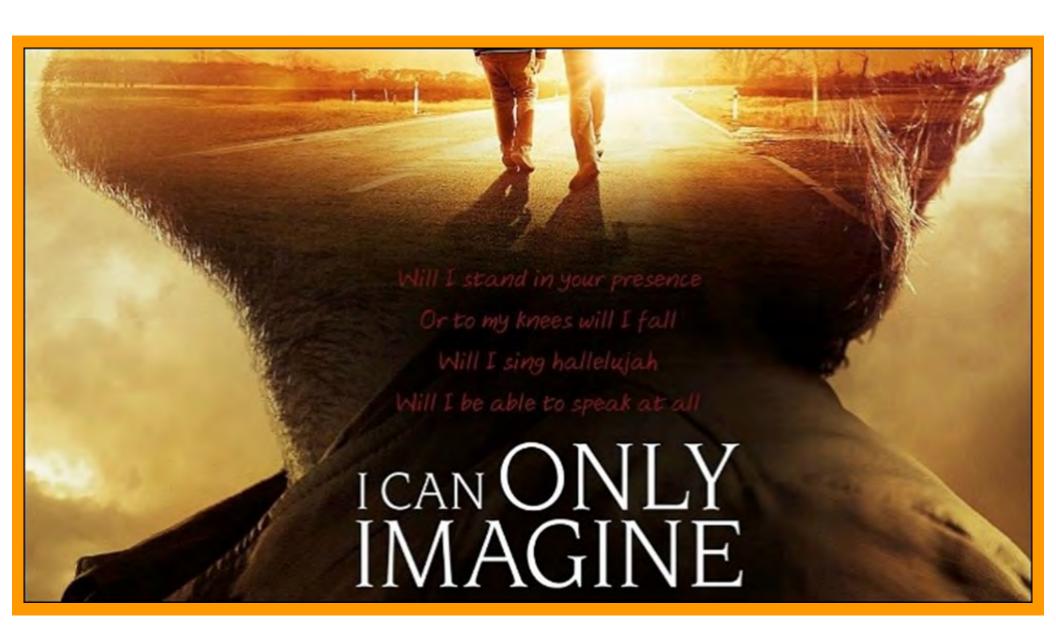


"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saucos." Isaiah 43:2-3a

Heaven is real!

More real than anything you can imagine!

Our senses will be enhanced, our knowledge enlarged, our future amazing!



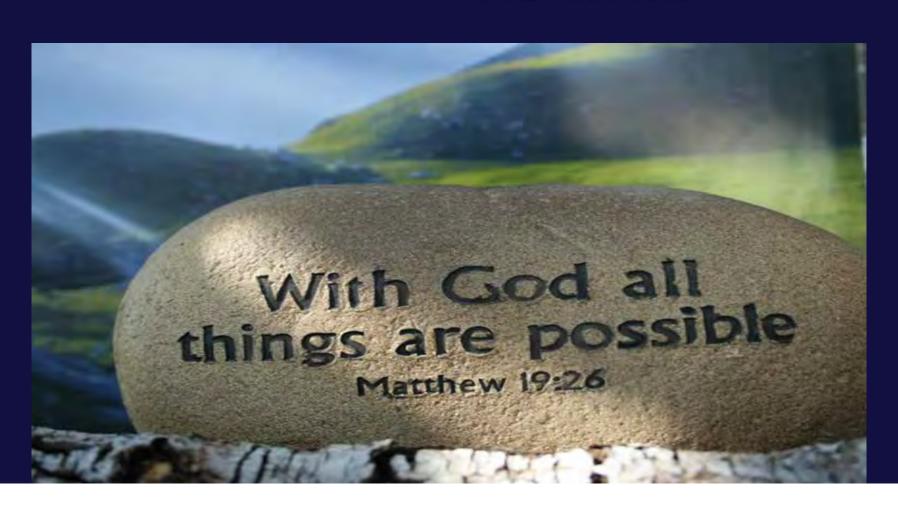
Until then, while we are here in this inferior state of not seeing clearly:

"We walk by faith and not by sight" 2 Corinthians 5: 7

"The righteous will live by faith"
Romans 1: 17

IMPOSSIBLE, you say?

NO WAY!!



<u>SELAH</u>

PAUSE AND PONDER!