

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

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



SALT
of the **EARTH**

"WE ARE CALLED TO BE
PEOPLE WHO INHIBIT THE
GROWTH OF SIN AND
DARKNESS IN THE WORLD"

**IT IS TIME FOR
TRUTH,
*CHURCH!***

OS GUINNESS
**TIME FOR
TRUTH**



LIVING FREE
IN A WORLD OF
LIES, HYPE & SPIN

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

Have courage for the great
sorrows of life, and patience
for the small ones.

And when you have laboriously
accomplished your daily tasks,

Go to sleep in peace.

God is awake.

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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”. Various translations “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!**

Idols can
become
STRONGHOLDS
What are
strongholds?

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

A dramatic, sepia-toned illustration. On the left, a massive, hooded figure stands, holding a globe. In the center, a smaller globe floats in the sky. In the foreground, a lone rider on horseback is silhouetted against the ground. The background is a vast, hazy landscape with several pyramids visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is one of grandeur and mystery.

**CASTING DOWN
STRONGHOLDS**

Make God your STRONGHOLD!
You are free to choose your stronghold!

I love you, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock and
my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom
I take refuge, my shield, and
the horn of my salvation, my
stronghold. I call upon the Lord
who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

—Psalm 18:1-3



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”

NEVER 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?

NO!

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?
JEREMIAH 32:27 NIV**

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 does guarantee that God is in the boat, the storm, the turmoil with me
- 2) You are not alone – our God will go through the fire with you



And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28


“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 *Savior*.”

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!*

A composite image featuring a person's head in profile on the left, looking towards a sunset scene. In the background, two people are walking away on a paved road that stretches into the distance. The sky is filled with warm, golden light from the setting sun, and the overall mood is contemplative and serene.

*Will I stand in your presence
Or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all*

I CAN ONLY
IMAGINE

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!!



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