

God of the Impossible, Abraham, and You
Romans 4: 17-25

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Sin

Salvation

**Sancti-
fication**

Sovereignty

Service

So Long

Verse 17

God of the impossible and the future

Abraham is 99 when God tells him you will have a son

A baby?

Impossible!

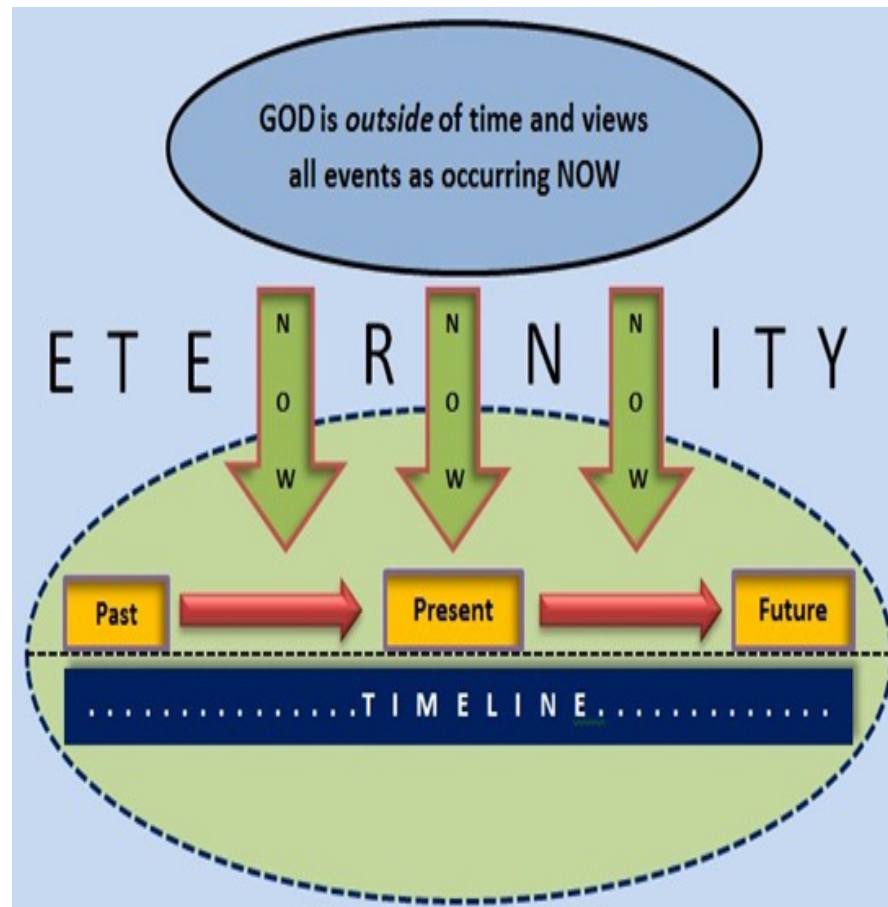
Yep! *In the natural!*

IMPOSSIBLE!!

But not with the God of the impossible!

FACT:

**God is outside of time and sees everything as
NOW!**



The Transcendence of God

Literally, transcendence means “to be above” or “beyond.”

Theologically, it refers to the fact that God is above and beyond all creation.

~Geisler

DOUBT = “*getar*” = tied up in a knot; uncertain,
lacking faith!

**Abraham is looking at the situation through human
DOUBT eyes – Genesis 17: 17**

DOUBTING inhibits our prayers – James 1: 2-8

Our faith pleases God – *our doubting displeases God!*

**God knows the future; trust Him with your present, and
rest in your future!**

German word – “*wurgen*” = to strangle, to choke

**Worry will choke out the life of God; our heart and
mind get strangled with worry!**

Verse 18 - 22

God of the impossible and Abraham's faith

Romans revealed something Genesis does not:

- Abraham's doubt was temporary
- He did not live and continue in doubt
- He worked through his doubts and trusted God

Who do you think is ecstatic when we doubt?

You guessed it!

Satan – *THE ADVERSARY!!*

Abraham was “fully convinced” God will do what He promised – you can count on it!

Don't you love it?

We can get to the point of being “fully convinced”, no wavering, no doubting

The God of the impossible gave Abraham the faith to believe; he had to act on that faith – Ephesians 2: 8-9

Verse 23 - 25

God of the impossible and YOU!

Jesus was delivered up for our offenses – Jesus died for MY offenses

Offenses = “*paraptoma*” = faults, great sins, little sins, all sins

God views all offenses (*all sin*) as rebellion against Him, His character, and His honor

Humans simply do not forgive like God forgives

We hold on and suffer; God lets go and casts away

Some things are so awful, so horrific, and impossible to forgive in the natural

We need a miracle from God to help us forgive and deliver us from the torturers that keep us bound in our misery of unforgiveness

We have been forgiven much by God; we are to forgive others like we have been forgiven

If we refuse to forgive, we are given over to the torturers!

We suffer unending anger and bitterness, eating away at our peace, tortured, never getting relief from our bitterness

Forgiveness can be given; however, many times, this does not free a person from the temporal consequences of their sins

King David was forgiven for his affair with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah, her husband

David lived out the consequences of his sin
2 Samuel 12: 7-15

**David is an example of reaping what you have sowed;
reaping later and greater**

God of the impossible has saved you from a huge sin debt

God has declared you righteous by believing in Jesus

**Since we have been given much and forgiven much, may
we be like Jesus and be quick to forgive!**

**Like Jesus, we must cast the offense against us as far as
the east is from the west, choosing not to bring the
offense into our memories**

CLOSING: Corrie Ten Boom and Forgiveness



Corrie ten Boom

was a Dutch watchmaker and Christian who, along with her father and other family members, helped many Jews escape the Nazi Holocaust during World War II by hiding them in a secret room. She was imprisoned for her actions. Her most famous book, **The Hiding Place**, is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts.

Corrie endured Ravensbrück, a Nazi concentration camp

Those in the camp were brutalized; Betsy, her sister, died there

Corrie had to learn to forgive!

An abusive Ravensbrück guard became a Christian and asked Corrie to forgive him:

“I was a guard there; I have since become a Christian. God has forgiven me for the cruel things I did there, but I would like to hear it from your lips as well. Fraulein, will you forgive me?”

SIDE NOTE: Corrie started a home in Holland for victims of Nazi brutality

“Those who were able to forgive their former enemies were able to return to the outside world and rebuild their lives, no matter the physical and emotional scars. Those who nursed their bitterness remained invalids; it was as simple and horrible as that!”

Corrie turned to prayer – *JESUS, HELP ME!*

“I thrust out my hand into the one stretched out to me. And then this healing warmth seemed to flood my whole being, bringing tears to my eyes. “I FORGIVE YOU BROTHER!” I CRIED WITH ALL OF MY HEART!”

God of the impossible interfaced with Corrie – *He can interface with you!*

This is the Christian life; this is a life lived to the fullest; this is a life freed from the torturers!

This is the abundant life that Christ has promised you!

For victims with anger, wrath, bitterness, revenge, depression, tortured – *GOD CAN SET YOU FREE!*

For perpetrators with guilt, shame, dishonor – *GOD CAN FORGIVE YOU AND SET YOU FREE!*

**Allow the God of the impossible
to free you and live free!**

FORGIVENESS IS THE JESUS WAY!

***“Father forgive them,
they know not what they do”***