

Mission Impossible (“Whatever” Part 2)

Matt 10:8-10 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food.

- Jesus didn’t give the disciples an assignment they could handle with human resources and human resourcefulness.
- **Instructions about what *not* to take** - gold, silver, copper, bag, tunics, sandals, staff, food, preparations for lodging (Matt 10:9-11)
 - “I want you helpless so that God can move.”
 - “Take nothing but the Almighty.” Doesn’t look so impoverished when you put it like that, does it?
- **Are you sure this stuff’s for today? Pretty sure → Ankle Story** – The Kingdom of God – now and not yet. My ankle being healed was a foretaste – a signpost pointing to the promise that one day Jesus will glorify this body. It’s a signpost pointing to his Lordship. The King of the Kingdom. Deposit. Foretaste. Firstfruits. Partial. Not the whole thing, but a little taste meant to confirm the truth of the Gospel and keep us pointed toward Jesus.

But what about the “normal” Christian life? That’s possible though, right? Wrong!

Romans 8:7-11 ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

- We’re called to live a supernatural lifestyle.

Beware the natural human mindset!

Mark 8:33 ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

- **Human things dressed up as divine things are actually satanic things** – that’s what Peter had. I’m deeply concerned when people get some religion but they’re talk isn’t saturated with Christ-centered worship – but lesser things that are fruits. Healthy marriage, family, community service, gms, whatever. These are good things that become satanic things when they take center stage in our hearts.

But anyway...back to the sermon in Mission Impossible...

- **We often try to approach the Christian life as if a miracle working God weren’t absolutely necessary.** But our whole Christian life is resurrection DNA! Impossible is who we are. It’s what we do every day. Jesus didn’t give his disciples something they could attain through diligence. “Cure the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, cleanse lepers.” (Matt 10:8) He gave them a mission that was impossible without a miracle-working God. Faith moves mountains because it puts up a lightning rod for heaven to strike. When we trust God with abandon, we become contact points for the Kingdom of God to invade the present fallen world.
- **What exactly happened on July 11?**
- **George Mueller** – the one penny is as good as the whole thing. Why? Because he’s believing God for the rest.
- **Self-defeating self-dependence** – unbelief takes you away from God’s limitless power and resources and into the poverty of our little minds, our little strength, our little strategies.
- **Bill Johnson** – “We got it.”
- **Anxiety** sometimes is the emotional correspondent of Unbelief
- **So NOW I just want God to do His thing.** Whatever it is, and however long it takes. Whatever package in which it ships. However small it is. Or costly. *I just want God.* I care less about certain things that used to matter to me. I just want Him. And as long as I keep my mind fixed on Him and heart surrendered

to Him, I stay in the eye of the storm – whatever happens. It doesn't matter. All that matters is that I get God in the exchange.

- **Want to make an eternal impact?** Let Him be in charge of that, and you focus on whole-person surrender. Just trust, listen, and obey, and you let Him worry about changing history. There's no shortage of churches, but when the Son of Man returns will He find faith on the earth!? (Luke 18:8)
- **Follow-Up with the Dream and the KY story** - I could never have come up with this! This is what our God does! He restores what's been taken. He reconciles and restores and redeems.
- **If perfect love bids me come, it MUST BE right.** There was preparation by way of revelation before the invitation. He loved me into a place without fear. But not a place without risk.
- **Song: Where you go I go**
- **Conclusion** – we need to repent of our unbelief and purpose to walk by faith. Right here, right now.