

MISSION: POSSIBLE

“The disciples were greatly astonished & asked, ‘Who then can be saved?’”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:25-26

Intro: Holy Imagining

Read Ephesians 3:20-21

What is the greatest thing you can possibly imagine God doing through you to build His Kingdom?

Ephesians 3:20 says God is able to do more than you can imagine.

Read the story of Steve Scoggins.

What’s it going to take for God’s power to be unleashed in your life?

I. Moses got it wrong

- A. Moses’ life was spared by God when he was an infant & as a result, he was brought up in Pharaoh’s house.
- B. One day, when he was an adult, he saw a Hebrew man being whipped, so he wanted to make a difference. He wanted to rescue the man. And in Exodus 2:12, it says he took things into his own hands and murdered the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. But Moses was found out and ended up running into the desert in fear for his life where he hid for 40 years.

At the age of 80 God called Moses who was like a lot of you – hesitant at first. But he had learned humility in the desert, and he allowed God to work through him to deliver the entire nation.

I’ve heard it said of Moses:

- 1. The first 40 years – he thought he was everything.
- 2. The 2nd 40 years – he thought he was nothing.
- 3. The 3rd 40 years – he learned that God was everything.

II. The disciples got it right

- A. After Jesus ascended, they obeyed Jesus & went to Jerusalem & waited on God & were unified in prayer.
- B. They knew Jesus was sending them into the world to be His witnesses, but they didn’t try to do it on their own.
- C. Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem & in all Judea & Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”
- D. After they received the Holy Spirit, they went out with boldness & preached and saw 3,000 get saved from the very first sermon.

E. How many students go to Central High School? All of them got saved on the same day.

III. What's it going to take for God to work through you in a mighty way?

(It's going to take God's power working in you and through you)

A. Ephesians 3:20 "He is able to do more than we ask or imagine according to **His power that is at work within us.**"

B. How is that possible?

1. Getting serious about spending time with God.

a. The reason that many of us are powerless & afraid is because life is all about us & our comfort.

b. We don't take our relationship with God seriously.

1. We play at our work & work at our play.

2. Jesus died to set us free from seeking after the world to feel good about life. We're complete in Christ. Our significance is found from God. Now we are free to truly live the mission He is calling us to.

c. We live like there is no battle – at least we're not fighting against anything.

1. We aren't really fighting sin.

2. We aren't sharing our faith & fighting against Satan.

d. We need to see that spending time with God is like electricity to a light bulb. It's our source of spiritual power as we spend time with God.

2. We need to get serious about spending time in prayer.

a. Praying with other Christians for strength and boldness

b. Praying with other Christians for a pure life so we aren't being spiritually hindered

c. Praying seriously for our unsaved friends (eyes opened)

d. Praying for each other that we will be genuine & loving friends

3. Be bold & take a stand.

It's amazing when you are bold & step up, how often times, others will join with you.

4. Be bold, winsome and take every opportunity to share your faith.

IV. Share my story

Conclusion:

God wants to do more than we can ask or imagine.

-Are you willing to say to God, "Here I am, use me"?

If you are, God will use you as you humbly follow Him, spend time with Him and step out in faith.