

Nothing's Too Difficult

Intro: Abundant, abiding, restful life. Sounds good doesn't it?

- A. Who wouldn't reach out for peace, hope and joy?
 1. Yet, inside a lot of us is a voice saying "if only"
 - a. Child would come back (I could rest in Christ)
 - b. My marriage was happy (I could know Christ's abundant life)
 - c. My job was more fulfilling (I could know Christ's peace)
- B. You've tried everything you can... but you can't change the situation
 1. Human impossibility is not impossible for God-
 - a. Noah (Gen. 7-8)
 - b. Red Sea/Israel(Ex.13:17- 14:31)
 - c. David's slingshot (1 Sam. 17)
 - d. Rolled away the stone (John 20)
 2. Impossibilities are God's opportunities to show his power, mercy and love
 - a. "For nothing is impossible with God." **Luke 1:37, NIV**
 - b. "Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." **Luke 18:27**

I. Nothing is too difficult, let alone impossible for God

- A. Two truths about Jesus' power
 1. His power is absolutely unlimited (Matt. 28:18)
 - a. More power than our enemies
 - b. Authority over biopsy tests
 - c. Nothing lies beyond his control
 2. Jesus' promise is totally unconditional
 - a. We are not restricted because of age, sex, race
 - b. Christ not withhold aid from imperfect or unpleasant people**

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I had no idea who I was, or what I could be away from tennis," says Christ Evert, recalling the final years of her career. "I was depressed and afraid because so much of my life had been defined by my being a tennis champion. I was completely lost. Winning made me feel like I was somebody. It made me feel pretty. It was like being hooked on a drug. I needed the wins, the applause, in order to have an identity.

**("Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28)**

- B. Jesus spoke with actions as much as words
 - Seven events proclaiming Jesus' power over human impossibilities

II. Seven Impossible Situations

1. **Water into Wine**- On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." John 2:1-3, NIV.
 - a. Jesus first showed His power in the realm of **Quality**
 - b. "you have saved the best till now." John 2:10, NIV.
 - c. Jesus can change the **Quality** of our lives
 - He changes the water of Judaism into the wine of Christianity
 - The water of Christlessness into the wine of richness & the fullness of Christ
 - d. He fills our emptiness with joy, hope, love and eternal life...
2. **Healing the official's son**- "The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." John 4:46-49, NIV.
 - a. Jesus showed His power over **Distance**
 - b. He is only a prayer away as He sits at the right hand of God
3. **Healing at Bethesda**- "Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called

Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie--the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ” John 5:1-4, NIV.

a. Jesus illustrated His power over **Time**

- The foolish question??? v. 6- (5:5-8)
- Do you really want to change???

b. No addiction, ailment or conflict is too much for God to overcome in our lives

4. Feeding the Five Thousand- “When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them.” John 6:5-10, NIV.

a. Jesus illustrated his power over **Quantity**

b. Nothing is too much for our Lord or too little-- He will provide!

5. Walking On Water- After the above miracles the disciples were filled with unsinkable, unshakable faith, right?-- “When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."” John 6:16-20, NIV.

a. Jesus illustrated his power over **Nature**

b. The disciples had not fully grasped what Jesus was telling them in the previous miracles-- the overcomer of impossible situations!

c. We are the same way... rather than being terrified by His power we should be reassured by it

6. Healing Of The Man Born Blind-“"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.” John 9:3, NIV.

a. Jesus illustrated His power over **Misfortune**

b. Many of our situations are misfortunes... not punishments

c. He wants us to trust in Him when misfortune come our way. If He doesn't heal, he'll give power to endure!

7. Raising Lazarus- “Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.” John 11:1, NIV

a. Jesus illustrated His power over **Death**

b. Why did Jesus go through all this trouble...? “Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” John 20:30,31

“Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: "I am the LORD, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27-- Jesus's life answers, absolutely not!

Conclusion:

A. Without saving faith, none of our problems really matter.

1. Would you ask a carpenter to sand your dinning room table while the rest of the house is on fire?
2. Similarly, it is foolish to ask Christ to help you with a physical problem when you haven't settled your eternal destiny.

“Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.” Jeremiah 32:17