

DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE

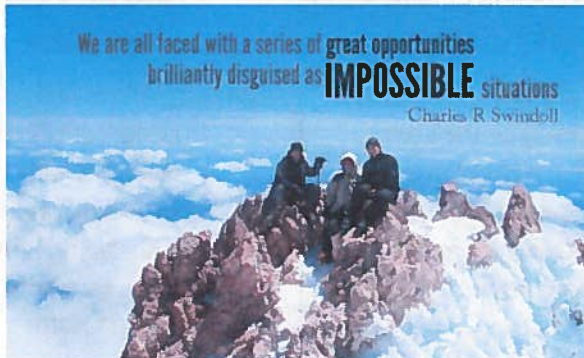
As Chuck Swindoll says, “We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.” “Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you” (Jeremiah 32:17 NIV).

Have you ever felt that God was asking you to do the impossible? Do you feel the Lord saying, “Go in the strength you have... I will be with you...” (Judges 6:14-16).

God makes these promises: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you” (Psalm 32:8). “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11).

Out of all the jobs and responsibilities that I have had in my life, I was NOT qualified to do any of them. But, God knows the opportunities and challenges that we will face and he equips us with the talent and abilities to handle all situations. “You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways” (Psalm 139:3). “All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be” (Psalm 139:16b).

God also knows the losses that we will suffer. He teaches us survival skills – thanksgiving and prayer. He provides security. “He shielded him and cared for him...like an eagle that... hovers over its young” (Deuteronomy 32:10-b11a). “...You will... remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband – the Lord Almighty is his name...” (Isaiah 54:4-5). And God cares for us as a Father cares for his children – we are God’s children (Romans 8:16).



I have often cried out, "God, I don't know what to do; but, you do!" And his answer is, "I am here". The Lord places us where we will best fit in and can be used to glorify him. He doesn't always choose based on **ability**. He already has **ability**. What he desires is **availability**. God cheers us on to finish the race. In the end, victory and reward await us^(see 2 Timothy 4:7). "I can do all things through him who gives me strength" ^(Philippians 4:13).

Most of us can say, "I would never have chosen the path that my life has led." But, as the scriptures teach us, God uses suffering to build character and purify our faith^(see Romans 5) "...though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials"^(1 Peter 1:6). In turn, God uses our testimonies to minister to others and our talents to help spread the Word.

The Armed Forces motto, 1945, was, "The impossible we do at once, the miraculous takes a little longer". **BUT**, only God can do the impossible and "Nothing will be impossible with God"^(Luke 1:37 ESV).

"Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed..."^(Romans 4:18 NIV). By **FAITH** others held back the seas; shouted down walls; survived the fiery furnace; controlled the weather; and walked on water — **IMPOSSIBLE**.

When we open the door and allow God's life-changing power to enter in...He begins a good work in us. Therefore, step out in **FAITH**; and by **FAITH** you will do the impossible; and by **FAITH** you will see the miraculous. "And my God will meet all your needs according to riches of his glory in Christ Jesus"^(Philippians 4:19).

We've Come This Far by Faith

Carlton Pearson

We've come this far by faith.
Leaning on the Lord,
Trusting in His Holy Word,
He never failed me yet.
Oh can't turn around
We've come this far by faith.

Living by Faith

James Wells

Living by faith in Jesus above,
Trusting, confiding in
His great love;
From all harm safe in
His sheltering arm,
I'm living by faith and
feel no alarm.