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Introduction

Title: Impossible Prayers

Text: Mark 9:19-25

Theme: Is there a prayer that you are unwilling to stop praying? Have you ever said to yourself, "Even though this seems impossible, I will pray until it happens"? God is pleased by impossible prayers because they speak to your faith being rooted in the possible God.

Discussion

Read Mark 9:19-25

“But if you can do anything”... The man seems unsure if Jesus can do anything. But the “if” isn’t in regard to what Jesus can do. The “if” is in regard to the man’s faith. So Jesus told him, if you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. When we trust God as true, and all His promises as true, all things He promises are possible.

1. Do you believe that God can do things in your life that you have deemed impossible?
 - a. If your prayer life was a reflection of how much you believed God could do in your life, what would it say? Would it say you believe God to do epic things or only miniscule changes?

“But we have to believe God is true: “If all the angels in heaven were to march by me in a file, and assure me that God would keep his word, I should say, ‘I did not require you to tell me that, for the Lord never fails to be as good as his word.’ If my father were to make a statement, I certainly should not call in his servant to confirm it.”- Charles Spurgeon

2. Do you believe what God is saying to you right now at this moment in your life?
 - a. Would you need a line of angels to confirm for you what you know God has already said?

“Lord, I believe; help my unbelief”. The poor father in this account is challenged by Jesus’ exhortation for faith. He did believe in Jesus’ power to deliver his boy - after all, why else would he have come to Jesus? But he also recognizes his doubts. So, he tearfully pleads with Jesus: Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!

3. How often are you talking to God about your struggle in believing what he says? Are you asking God to help you with your unbelief?

A father desperately seeks healing for his son with an evil spirit. He’s tried everything in his own power, he’s tried the church, he’s even tried the disciples, until at last, when everything else has failed, it’s just him and Jesus.

4. How difficult do you think it was for the father to come to Jesus for help?
 - a. How hard is it for you to come to God again and again with the same issue?
 - b. What are the lies that we can be tempted to believe when we are praying for something for a long time.

Prayer is medicine for unbelief. When belief and unbelief collide, let us turn to the one our belief comes from. Spend time now praying for one another’s unbelief.

Additional Reading

Additional Scriptures on believing God for the impossible

Matthew 19:26

Matthew 17:20

Jeremiah 32:17