

Melva's Corner



Take Your Hands Off! (Believing The Unbelievable)

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Central Truth: God specializes in things we think are impossible. But He won't grab them out of our hands if we insist on holding on to them.

"And they brought the boy to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling about and foaming at the mouth. And He asked his father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. And it has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us!' And Jesus said to him, 'If you can!' All things are possible to him who believes.'" (Mark 9:20-23)

The only place I know of in the Scriptures where Jesus made that kind of statement is in this passage. The father looked at his son, then turn to Jesus and said, "Lord, if you can help . . ." And Jesus said, 'If you can?' Why, I'm a specialist in this kind of thing. It's impossible with you, but with Me it's a piece of cake.

The father's response is commendable. When he realized his need to trust completely and not fret any longer, he cried out, "I do believe; help me in my unbelief." (vs. 24)

Sure enough, some of you who are reading these words are facing some of the most unbelievable situations anyone could imagine. You've come to the absolute end. There is nothing you can do—zero!

What's God saying to you now? "All things are possible to him who worries?" No.

**"All things are possible to him who attempts to work it out?"
No.**

"All things are possible to him who believes!" The story in Mark 9, of course, is that Jesus saves the son's life, freeing him from this unclean spirit and providing healing.

The inner work God wants to accomplish occurs when we learn the family secret: God specializes in things we think are impossible. But He won't grab them out of our hands if we insist on holding on to them.

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Your impossible situation might be a marriage that is almost or altogether on the rocks. It may be a destroyed romance that's left you disillusioned. It may be a terrible habit you can't seem to conquer. It may have to do with your work or your career or your dream. Listen, if it seems impossible to you here's what you should do . . . after you have done all - **TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF! Ask God, in absolute faith, to take over.**

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