

FAITH TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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Matthew 19:26

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

Matthew 17:20

So, Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you”.

Sometimes the biggest obstacle is ourselves. Have you had a situation as a child, or even as an adult, you were trying to reach for something that was out of reach. Impossible! You may have looked for something to assist you to achieve your goal. Seems impossible! **Every attempt you’ve made didn’t work.** Perhaps, you may look to friends, family, even your beloved church members, **was** to no avail for victory was not in sight. You were distraught in your attempt to a victorious ending. The goal to reach your accomplishment seemed to be nonexistent. **Then**, in the moment of your discouragement, a hand is extended, the goal is reached. A stretched hand “Made It Happen!” In child like faith, you possibly perceived **that something** could not be reached without help, and fell short of the goal of reaching it.

Look back at the parable of the Shunamite Woman (1 Kings 17:12-14). Elisha ignites the Shunamite Woman’s “Faith”.

¹² So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’”

The man of God came to visit – he came to help her ignite her “faith”. Elisha insisted make me first a meal, then make a meal for you and your son. In her small faith she did not see the benefit of his asking of such a request. **Her thoughts** could have been that this prophet is coming to consume the last morsel of bread. **However**, with her small-minded faith, she obeyed the man of God, she was doubtful but her little faith overcame small doubt. The end result: the jar of flour left in the bottom was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry until the day the LORD sent rain on the land. Her resources **were** activated, faith became action. God made provision! “Mustard Seed Faith”! God Made It Happen.

Beloved, you have faith! Faith is the action to make it happen, to make it work, to begin and initiate a response. Matthew 19:26 (NIV) Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” Friend, all things are possible to those who believe. Moments in our lives we are caught up in the hustle and bustle of life transitions: family, jobs, the church, school and major decisions. The Bible says: Be faithful, be steadfast, be encouraged. God will take care of you. He will Make It Happen! **We** can make it happen through Faith in God to Whom we can put **our** trust in.

My friend if you take the leap of faith, God is faithful – He can and will work out any situation. No matter how great or how small you may think the problem may be, God is forever faithful. Your faith can make it happen, Believe, Faith will do the rest. Watch God move your impossible into Victory!!! Victory belongs to You! FAITH is your conduit to Action to Make It Happen!