

Can I **REALLY** Do That???!
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Jesus tells us in Mark 9:23 that all things are possible to he who believes. So if all things are possible, how come we aren't seeing ourselves doing all things? We are all believers here.

Even the secular world tells us --- you can do anything you put your mind to. If you believe you can, you can. Remember the tower of Babel? God confused their language because He knew they could do what they were setting their mind to.

If the secular world says this, then what about us as believers who have Christ in us?

I want to take a deeper look into this verse today.

Philippians 4:13 tells us we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. But going on a little farther, still we ask the question, are all things possible for me to do, since after all, I am a believer?

In Matthew 19:26 Jesus tells us with God all things are possible. With man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

If we look back in bible history, we are reminded that yes, in fact, nothing is impossible for God.

Jeremiah 32:27 says, "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?"

When the Israelites were in the desert, God provided manna for food everyday. He provided the meat, the quail. He brought water from a rock, He parted the Red Sea. In 2 Chronicles 20 He told Jahaziel to tell King Jehoshaphat that he would not have to fight this battle. The Lord caused their enemies to destroy each other.

Moving forward in history, remember all the miracles Jesus did. He healed all who came to Him, He fed the 5,000 and the 4,000 with only a few fish and bread.

Surely there is nothing impossible for God!

So then, according to Mark 9:23, if I believe, then all things are possible for me! If I believe that nothing is impossible with God, then as a born again believer, nothing is impossible, because, after all, it's not me doing it, it is the power within me. With man nothing is possible, but with God, all things are possible and He is living in me! The Greater One lives in me! The power that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in me!!

In John 14:12-14 Jesus tells us "very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in My name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it."

Do you believe that? **CAN** you believe that?

And in Mark 11:22-25 Jesus says, "have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'go throw yourself into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, **believe that you have received it and it will be yours.** And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

How many of us really and truly honestly believe we have already received what we want before we actually get it? I think we all **WANT** to believe.

So from these few scriptures we can readily see that nothing is impossible for God, and if we are believers, we can expect to see the impossible in our own lives as well! We need to believe and receive!!!! The question then is, do we **REALLY** believe in our hearts that we have received what we are asking for? Or are we just speaking words?

What can **YOU** believe for? How much can you trust God?

Take a few moments right now and think back on what God has done in your life that you didn't think was possible. Things that you knew had to be God.

One thing for me was when we had first come out to Colorado to attend Charis Bible College. We were pulling a trailer and a man in a truck pulled up alongside and signaled to us that the pin that holds the leg on the trailer had come off. It happened right as we were coming up to our exit, but we then had missed our exit so my husband pulled over to the side of the road. (We were driving on interstate 25 in Colorado Springs.).

He got out of the truck and sure enough we had lost the pin and the leg of the trailer was dragging. He looked in the truck to see if there was anything he could use to tie it up but couldn't find anything. Not sure how he was going to temporarily fix it, he got back outside to see if there was anything laying on the side of the road that he could use. While he was searching for something, he heard a voice in his spirit say, " look down."

At that point, he was standing near the leg of the trailer and when he heard those words, he looked down on the ground and lo and behold, there on the ground right by the leg of the trailer was an exact pin he needed to raise the leg!!!! And it wasn't the pin that was originally on it. It was a perfect fit! I know that was not a coincidence. It was God showing how he takes care of His kids. We had already gone a distance after the truck driver had signaled us. That was a miracle from God!

I am reminded of many healing testimonies of Smith Wigglesworth who truly believed God could and would do the impossible. One of which was when a lady was brought to him to be healed of a tumor in her stomach. It was so large she looked like she was pregnant. She couldn't walk by herself she was so sick. Two other ladies brought her up to the platform and Smith told them to let her go. They replied that they couldn't otherwise she would fall. He told them again to let her go. Reluctantly they did and sure enough she fell to the floor.

They picked her up and again he told them to let her go. They were getting angry and said that they couldn't otherwise she would again fall. Repeatedly he told them to let her go. They did and again she fell to the floor. Smith once more told them to pick her up and let her go.

Exasperated by this time, the ladies did it once more and this time a huge tumor fell to the floor and the woman was healed!

Smith Wigglesworth believed with his whole heart that nothing was impossible for God. He believed and saw many many miraculous wonders that was impossible for man but was possible for God.

That's the kind of belief and faith in Jesus that I want! How did Smith get to that point? All his free time was spent in the Word. He didn't have TV, didn't allow a newspaper in his home, didn't read any other book except the Bible. Listening and reading and speaking to God. Do I do that? Do you do that?

After you have taken some time to look back in your own life on things God has done that could only have been God, now I want you to think about something you need that only God can do or provide. Whether it be for some healing in your body, a restoration of a relationship, money needed for bills, or whatever it is you need that you can't do on your own, ask yourself, "can I believe for God to do this for me?"

Remember what the scriptures tell us; with God ***all*** things are possible. Don't just hope for it; ***can you truly believe God CAN and WILL come through for you and do it?*** *If we can't , then I think maybe it's because we don't truly know the character of God; that we don't know what perfect love is; what unconditional love really is; that maybe we still have some issues with knowing who God is.*

Sometimes there are things we really can believe for, but then sometimes our faith isn't there yet for that other thing. We still think it's impossible. We **want** to believe, just as the man in the scriptures who had the epileptic son when he said "I do believe, help thou my unbelief." (Mark 9:24)

Then the enemy comes in and says to you in your ear, "What if it doesn't happen? What if He doesn't do it? What if.. What if what if??"

What can we do about that? We don't have to **DO** anything. We look to Jesus, be reminded of all that He has already done. Remind ourselves why God sent Jesus to earth. Keep reminding ourselves of all the wonders God did in the Bible and in our own lives and letting go of all else, keep our minds totally focused on Him and come as a child wholly believing God is a good God. He loves me and said He will always provide and take care of me. Remind yourself of the scriptures where Jesus said that you can do all these things and even greater.

Remember that it is not you who is doing it, but the greater One that lives in you. The Holy Spirit was sent by God to empower you in the name of Jesus. It is by **HIS** might not yours.

Joseph Prince tells us in his Healing Promises devotional that Mark 9:23 has traditionally been taught to mean that you can have your miracle if **YOU** can believe. If you can't believe, then Jesus isn't going to give you your miracle.

But he says, if you study the Greek structure of the verse, it's actually saying, "Can you believe that all things are possible to HIM (Jesus) who is always believing?"

When we look at it in this light, we realize it's not about our faith or how much we can believe **FOR**, but **WHO** you believe. Our faith constantly wavers. We can believe **FOR** this but not **FOR** that. But **JESUS** is the only one whose faith never wavers. It is always steady. His faith never fails.

James 1:6-7 tells us "But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord."

We know in our human form we do have doubts at times. But if we look at this verse in the light of the Greek structure, if we believe that **Jesus** can do it, and wants to do it, (thereby putting our faith and belief in **HIM**, not in our faith), then we can expect to receive what we are asking for. Because we are not putting our faith in our own faith **FOR** something, but in **Jesus the person**, in **HIS** faith, not us.

So if we can believe that all things are possible for Jesus who never doubts, never wavers, then we are on our way to receiving our miracle. So in essence, we should have faith not in our faith, but in **HIM** who is always believing and wants to always do good to you.

Lets look back at Mark 9:21-23: Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood", he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. **But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.**" "if you can'?", said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Look closer at those verses especially "But if you can do anything." The father is saying to Jesus, "if You can do anything." Jesus responds by repeating the father's question. "if you can do anything? The father is asking Jesus if he can do anything, and Jesus is basically saying back, "If I can do anything?! Then Jesus says, "all things are possible to one who believes. Who is doing the believing here? Definitely Jesus believes and know that He can do this.

Meditate on these things until you can totally come believing that Jesus can and will do what He says. Come as a child. Many times we have so much baggage we have been lugging around for years from religious teaching that it is hard to let it all go. We have to let go of the old, and know that we are a new creation in Christ Jesus. The world's ways are not God's ways. God is supernatural. We have to stop thinking in the natural and start seeing God for who He is.

For some it comes easier; for others of us, it takes longer. But no matter, don't give up!!! Keep steady in the faith, meditating constantly on all God's words and all He has already done through Jesus.

Know that the enemy comes to steal the word that is being planted in your heart. Be aware of that, but stand firm knowing that he is a liar and a thief. Keep standing and speaking God's word.

Picture yourself as that little child who believes everything his Father says. Listen to what He has to say to you and don't let the world in. We are in the world but not of it.

We wouldn't come to our earthly father as a little child and say, "If I believe enough and hard enough, then my father will do this for me. If I believe enough and hard enough then he will do

what he said." No, we simply believe what our father has told us. And if he is a good father, he has displayed in the past that he does what he says he will do. So as that child, we would simply believe him and go about our day not worrying about if he is going to do what he said.

i know some of you did not have that earthly father who you could believe and trust he would do what he said. But our Heavenly Father is not like earthly fathers. He always does what He says in His Word. We can trust and believe Him. The scriptures tell us in Numbers 23:19, "God is not human that He should lie, not a human being, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?" (NIV) No! God always does what He says.

Come as that little child and just believe what your heavenly Father has said. Put your faith and trust and belief in **HIM**. His word is true. His word is spirit and life. Jesus came to show us the Father. He loves you so much and always wants the best for you.

All things are possible to Him who believes. Change your mindset and get it off yourself and onto who Jesus is and what He said He would do to give glory to the Father. Don't focus on what you see or think is possible in this natural world. Remind yourself that God is **SUPER** natural and we will start seeing more of the supernatural workings of God in our lives.

Put your faith in Jesus, the person, and believe that **HE CAN** and **WANTS** to do what you need and ask. We need to have that personal relationship with Him to know and truly believe in Him that He wants to do good for us simply because He loves us. Amen.