



Luke 17:5 NLT The apostles said to the Lord,  
"Show us HOW TO INCREASE OUR FAITH."

Enlarging our ability to confidently trust in God and in His power  
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## #22 HOLDING ON TO OUR FAITH: IN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS

*Examples of impossible situations in the Bible:*

- ▶ Sarah giving birth in old age (Genesis 18, 21)
- ▶ Parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14)
- ▶ Walls of Jericho falling down (Joshua 6)
- ▶ Gideon's victory over the Midianites (Judges 7)
- ▶ Elijah's contest on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18)
- ▶ Daniel in the lion's den (Daniel 6)
- ▶ Jesus born of a virgin (Matthew 1)
- ▶ Jesus turning water into wine (John 2)
- ▶ Jesus feeding the 5,000 (Matthew 14)
- ▶ Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14)
- ▶ Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11)
- ▶ Etc. etc. etc.

Romans 4:18 Against all hope, *Abraham in hope believed* and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>19</sup> *Without weakening in his faith*, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> *Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith* and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> *being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.*

Matthew 14:28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "*You of little faith,*" he said, "*why did you doubt?*"

John 11:39 "Take away the stone," Jesus said. "But, Lord," said Martha, ... "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." <sup>40</sup> Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that *if you believe, you will see the glory of God?*"

### **Pressing in:**

Chris Tiegreen: "When God is about to do something great, starts with a difficulty, wrote Armin Gesswein. "When he is about to do something truly magnificent, he starts with an impossibility." Of course, with God there's no difference between a difficulty and an impossibility, as nothing is either difficult or impossible for him. But this quote fits the dynamics of how God works in our lives from our perspective. The bigger the problem, the greater his solution becomes—and the more his work seems to accomplish ... That generally only happens when we respond in faith and prayer. In other words, his miraculous work is rarely automatic; we have to ask and believe. And sometimes we have to persist in the asking and believing though long delays and unexpected twists. But God does respond, and impossibilities do have to bow to who he is. <sup>4/1/18</sup>

"We are all faced with a series of great \_\_\_\_\_, brilliantly disguised as \_\_\_\_\_."

Jeremiah 32:17 Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. *Nothing is too hard for you.*

Luke 18:27 Jesus replied, "*What is impossible with man is possible with God.*"

"God does \_\_\_\_\_ in our impossible situations." Robert McLaughlin



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