



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: GENESIS 18:9-15

TITLE: MY GOD CAN DO IT AND MY GOD WILL DO IT

### INTRODUCTION

- A. The difference between **CAN** and **WILL** \_\_\_\_\_
1. Can is a statement of Ability – *The ability that it can be done*
  2. Will is a statement of Certainty – *The certainty that it will be done*
- B. Examples: \_\_\_\_\_
1. I **can** come over on Saturday to help you rake leaves vs. I **will** come over on Saturday to help rake leaves
  2. I **can** wash the dishes for you vs. I **will** wash the dishes for you
- C. The difference between **CAN** and **WILL** relating to God \_\_\_\_\_
1. God **can** solve this problem with my coworker vs. God **will** solve this problem with my coworker
  2. God **can** give me peace in this chaos vs. **God** will give me peace in this chaos
- D. I have the faith to believe that God **CAN** do it. However, do I have the faith to believe that God **WILL** do it?
- E. **Mark 9:22-24**, <sup>22</sup> “...But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”
1. “**If You** can do anything...”
    - a. **If**???
    - b. How can we use “Jesus”/”God” and “If” in the same sentence?
  2. Jesus’ response #1
    - a. “**If you** can believe”
    - b. All things are possible to those who believes
  3. Jesus’ response #2
    - a. “**If you can** believe”
    - b. All things are possible to those who believes
  4. We resolve to Jesus, “*Lord, I believe; help my unbelief*”
    - a. How can we believe and have unbelief at the same time?
    - b. It is the difference between what Jesus “Can do” and what Jesus “Will do”.
- F. Therefore, it is not only **Knowing What God Can Do**, it is **Believing What God Will Do** \_\_\_\_\_

### WHAT DID GOD SAY?

- A. God, *I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son:* \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What did God say?
1. What did God say?
  2. What did God say?
  3. What did God say?
  4. What did God say?

### DISMISS THE FACTS

- A. Abraham laughed (Gen 17:17) – Why did Abraham laugh? – Abraham laughed because he was 99 years old \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Sarah laughed (Gen 18:12) – Why did Sarah laugh? – Sarah laughed because she was 89 years old \_\_\_\_\_

C. The Facts:

1. At age 75, Abraham left Haran and arrived in the land of Canaan (Gen 12:4, 5) [No Child]
2. At age 80's, Abraham suggested that Eliezer be his heir (Gen 15:2, 3) [No Child]
3. At age 85, Abraham took Hagar as a wife (Gen 16:3) [No Child]
4. At age 86, Ishmael was born to Abraham by Hagar (Gen 16:16) [No Child]
5. At age 99, Abraham was circumcised (Gen 17:24) [No Child]
6. At age 99, Abraham was visited by God and two angels (Gen 18:1, 2) [No Child]

D. Dismiss the facts \_\_\_\_\_

**WALK IN FAITH**

A. Is anything too hard for God? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Too hard = to be beyond one's power
2. Nothing is too hard for God

B. God works: At the appointed time / At the set time \_\_\_\_\_

C. Isaac is born \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sarah laughed (Gen 19:6, *God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me*)
2. Isaac's name means – He laughs

D. Is there anything too hard for God? \_\_\_\_\_