

"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: MARK 11:12-14, 20-24

TITLE: WANT TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE? HAVE FAITH IN GOD

INTRODUCTION

A. How do you make a statement of utter impossibility as if it were possible?

- 1. Noah: "It is going to rain"
- 2. Abraham: "We will worship and come back to you"
- 3. Moses: "The Egyptians whom you see today, you will see no more forever"
- 4. Elijah: "There will be no drew or rain in the next few years except at my word"
- 5. Elisha: "About this time next year you will be holding a son"
- 6. Jesus: "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again"

B. We can be so locked into the reality of possibility that we do not expect the impossible _____

C. How do I unlock my bondage to possibility to expect the freedom of impossibility?

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

- A. Jesus said to the tree, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again."
 - 1. Jesus cursed the fig tree
 - 2. The disciples heard it
- B. The next morning,
 - 1. They saw the fig tree dried up from the roots
 - 2. Peter, "Rabbi, look!
 - 3. Peter, "The fig tree that you cursed has withered away."
- C. Jesus, "Have faith in God." _
 - 1. Have (present imperative a command to do something which involves continuous or repeated action)
 - 2. Have = Keep having / be constantly having
- D. Assuredly, I say to you ____
 - 1. Assuredly = *Amen*
 - a. "Amen" said by God = "it is and shall be so"
 - b. "Amen" said by humans "so let it be"
 - 2. Whoever says to this mountain, "Be lifted up and thrown into the sea"
 - 3. And if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will be done
 - a. Doubt = $diakrin\bar{o}$ (dia, "separation" and krino, "to judge") = divided judgment
 - b. Heart = *kardia* = the center of human life (desires, feelings, affections, passions, impulses, values, intellect/understanding
 - 4. You will have what you say
- E. Therefore, I say to you
 - 1. Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it
 - 2. And it will be yours.