



Achieving the Impossible...

Because God Can!

When I was a teenager, I would sometimes disassemble things like lawnmowers and carburetors in order to rebuild and repair them. If someone saw all of the parts lying on the workbench, they might say, “That’s going to be *impossible* to put back together!” Although I was sometimes tempted to believe them (as I looked at the workbench covered with parts), this only made me more determined to see the project become a reality. Often, the only reason I could complete the project was because I knew something they did not know and I used that knowledge to achieve the “impossible.”

There are those who would say concerning the Great Commission, “That’s going to be *impossible* to accomplish!” This should make us more determined to see the project become reality. Unlike lawnmowers and carburetors, fulfilling the Great Commission is not about knowing *something* others do not know but knowing *Someone* Who knows *everything*. Of course, this Someone is God Himself Who not only gave us the command to *Go* but also strongly desires that this “impossibility” be achieved.

The world was shattered into many “pieces” through the fall of man (Genesis 3). As we look at those pieces lying on the “workbench” of history, they seem to make achieving God’s command impossible as we look to the future. Many say the world is too far gone or there are just too many people. Some insist that we do not have the needed resources or laborers. Others argue that the finances and logistical challenges are beyond our capabilities. However, I would contend that accomplishing the Great Commission does not depend on our ability—or the lack thereof. Nor does the condition of our world (no matter how “disassembled” it may be) hinder God from accomplishing His purposes. Seeing the “pieces” of the world and knowing the God Who wants to do a work through us, it is imperative that we focus on *Achieving the Impossible—Because God Can!*

If we look at the Great Commission from only a human perspective,



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we will see it as completely impossible. But when we recognize our human limitations and inabilities, we have taken the first step toward achieving the impossible. It is only when we realize that God’s *strength is made perfect in weakness* that we can declare with Paul, “*when I am weak, then am I strong*” (2 Corinthians 12:9–10). After the rich young ruler rejected Christ, Jesus said, “*It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.*” The disciples’ troubled response was “*Who then can be saved?*” In other words, “That’s impossible!” The Lord’s confident response was “*With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible*” (Matthew 19:24–26). Perhaps you are looking at the condition of the world or the multitudes who are rejecting Christ or the lack of resources, finances, and laborers, and your response is “That’s impossible!” If so, I would like to remind you that Jesus said, “*With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.*”

Considering the Great Commission from a heavenly perspective, it is indeed possible. Jesus would not give us a command that He would not enable us to perform. The Lord knew how evil the world would be and how many people would be on the earth today. He has allowed us to have resources like the internet, airplanes, cars, and other modern conveniences. Also, God owns the cattle on a thousand hills and He owns the hills and He owns the gold in the hills! Finances are no problem for our heavenly Father. Think about it, God created the entire universe, delivered Israel out of Egypt, brought down the walls of Jericho, delivered Goliath into the hand of David, protected the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, kept Daniel safe in the lion’s den, healed the sick, raised the dead to life again, and a multitude of other “impossibilities.” If God can do all of these things, then getting the Gospel to the entire world is no problem for Him. This should encourage us to do our part in *Achieving the Impossible—Because God Can!*

Can we fulfill the Great Commission in our own strength? Certainly not! Will God accomplish the Great Commission apart from human instruments? No, that is not His plan! As we consider all that is happening in the world today, it is easy to see that Satan is at work. It would not be difficult to become discouraged if we concentrated only on the negative events around us—the myriad of “pieces on the workbench.” We must remember that although Satan is definitely at work, our God is sovereignly working His master plan—He can reassemble anything. Our theme for BIMI this year is *Achieving the Impossible—Because God Can!* With each passing day, it is increasingly imperative that we **SEE** our weakness, **SEEK** God’s power, and **STRIVE** to achieve the impossible. In our own strength we cannot fulfill the Great Commission, but with God all things are possible! **W**