

Title: See Possibilities Not Problems

Scripture: Mathew 19:26 – “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Introduction:

Let's be honest: problems are real in our lives today. They knock on our door, they show up in our inboxes, telephone, and even sometimes show up in our sleep.

What if we changed our perspective a bit and didn't magnify the problem, but magnified the possibilities?

1. Problems Are Very Real, But So Is Our God.

We face real stuff daily. Bills, health scares, broken hearts and so on. Do some of us pray like God retired? The same God that parted the red sea, fed thousands with a happy meal is still in business. In the business of making the impossible possible.

Truth Bomb: Your struggles/problems are not proof God has abandoned you. It might just be a set up for your biggest breakthrough.

2. Perspective is Everything

Look at the story of David and Goliath. The Israelites saw him as too big to fight. David saw him as too big to miss. The Israelites saw a problem. David saw a solution that led to his promotion.

Philippians 4:13 doesn't say “I can do all things except when it's really hard” It says, “*I can do **ALL** things through Christ who strengthens me.*”

3. Faith Thrives Where Possibility Lives.

Faith doesn't ignore the facts, or that your struggles aren't real. It just refuses to be paralyzed by them.

When Peter saw Jesus' walking on the water, He didn't ask for Jesus to build him a bridge. He just stepped out!

Truth Bomb: You don't need a five- year plan for every miracle, you just need five seconds of **Crazy Faith**.

4. Impossible - Gods Specialty

With God you're never stuck. I know sometimes you feel like you are but I'm here to tell you you're not. You're just being positioned. Doors that close are not to punish you, they close to prepare you. I know that firsthand. Delay is not denial; it's divine redirection.

Isaiah 43:19 says, "Behold I am doing a **new** thing" Not an old thing, not a recycled thing, not a secondhand thrift store kind of thing. Not a maybe it'll work out thing. But a **new, bold, miraculous thing. Unexpected. God level stuff.**

5. What You Speak Shapes What You See

Proverbs 18:21 says, "Life and death are in the power of the tongue."

I have lived what I'm about to say, and it changed things in my life. If you are saying I can't, then guess what? You won't. See possibility and speak possibility. Even when the odds say otherwise.

God created the universe with His words. What do you think He can do with yours?

Challenge:

Today, when a problem shows up and tries to own some of your peace, ask yourself one thing.

What's the possibility buried in the problem?

Because God didn't call you to just survive, He called you to **thrive!!!**

Don't be a prisoner of your problems, but a vessel for your purpose. With God, your biggest mess can be your most powerful message.

Derek Strickland - *Lite Winds*.