

What Looks Impossible to You?

Did the disciples really believe Jesus when he said he would rise again? If we had heard those words, would we? The discovery of the empty tomb and the fact that Jesus appeared before Mary and later on to the disciples and many others proved his word is truth. But, the question remains would we have believed his words? Do you believe that nothing is impossible with God? If the words of Jesus himself are true and God raised him from the dead, can he not do the same for us in any and all situations? The answer is yes and amen!!

1. Read John 20:1-18

What did the followers of Jesus really think after his death? I believe they were grieving, sad, and in despair. Death without hope is final. But, Jesus had said he would rise.

Matthew 20:17-19, Mark 8:31

I think all of us would have struggled believing what he said. When Mary went to the tomb she was not "expecting" to find it empty. Her mind was still set on death and defeat. To her surprise and the others, he was not there. Later on, she did not recognize him but instead thought he was the gardener.

Food for thought:

How often has Jesus showed up in our lives and we did not recognize him?

Do we recognize his love, power, forgiveness, grace and mercy?

Do we acknowledge that nothing is impossible for him or are we just paying lip service to this instead of believing his words? Did his own mother believe he would rise from the dead?

2. Read Acts 2:22-24

Fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, Peter stood up on the Day of Pentecost and spoke these words.

Note: "it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him"

Impossible means: not to have strength, power or ability, to be made weak, cannot be done

Why was it impossible for death to keep him? Because Jesus said it. He had spoken that it would be so. He declared it. Accompanied with his words are power, the power of the Holy Spirit.

That same Spirit that raised Jesus lives in us.

Read Romans 8:11

3. Read Luke 1:37

The word "nothing" is a combination of a number of greek words, one of them being "rhema". *This word means an utterance or spoken word.*

Bill Johnson says this about the word nothing, or no thing:

No freshly spoken word of God will ever come to you that does not contain it's own ability to perform itself.

Examine these questions in light of this definition.

What have you given up on in your life thinking it was dead? Dreams, healing, a loved one being saved, financial problems, your destiny, etc.

Are you like the disciples and Mary who went to the tomb not expecting Jesus to be alive?

What are you expecting?