

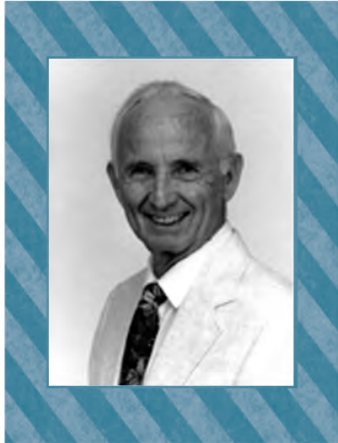
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The Impossible

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At 84 I no longer have the same temptations that I once had. Now I have the “older folks” ones.

Young people are sometimes tempted to

think: *I can't do it.* No matter how qualified they may be they will never do their best if they accept the “I can't do it” attitude.

Each one of us can accept the “I can't do it” feeling. We can think, “I'm too tired to do anything” or “My body is sick.” Perhaps we feel like, “I don't know how to do anything special” or even “I don't have the time!” We are tempted to think of all the reasons why we can't do something that will build God's Kingdom.

We can become too old to do some things, but we can always believe that since God has kept us alive He still has plans for us.

Our bodies will become older and slower, but our attitudes need not be controlled by that. God may have designed our latter days to accomplish far more than ever before. **We can learn the meaning of, *Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty - you will succeed because of my Spirit, though you are few and weak (Zech. 4:6 TLB).***

God is seeking people of any age to accomplish the “impossible.” In one day we could achieve something that will cause a multitude of people to spend eternity in Heaven!

What should we do? We can meditate on God's Word. We can listen to the Holy Spirit. He will

teach us as we learn to listen. The Bible tells us of many very ordinary men and women through whom God accomplished amazing miracles. Why? Because they *believed Him!* We are limited only by our faith.

We know that God has planned for us to be alive today! That helps us believe that God has a mission for us.

Maybe there is a person living near you that is so ungodly that everyone has given up on trying to help them receive Jesus as Savior. God may have brought you to this time and place to bring that person into His family. That person is so valuable in God's eyes that He will reward the one who helps them. There are many hurting people who do not know even one Christian who has tried to tell them about Jesus. You and I can become that one person!

What blessings might God give to the person who causes “impossible” things to happen? **Let's not limit our Lord. He is the mighty Creator - nothing is beyond His power! He can do *anything* through you and me if we are willing for Him to work through us. His blessings are greater than we can even imagine!**

We *should not* listen to the voice that whispers, “You will never be used by God to do great things.” Jesus invites everyone who believes in Him, to accomplish impossible things. He gave us reason to stretch our faith when He said we could move mountains if we believed Him. God will help any one of us do what others do not believe can be done. Paul believed and wrote: *I can do anything through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13).*





Have you ever read a verse in the Bible that you probably have read many times before – but *this* time it catches your attention?

This happened to me recently.
Psalm 16:4 (TLB)

reads: *Those choosing other gods shall all be filled with sorrow.*

Oh, how true this is, as some of us have learned. The spirit God has put within each

of us longs to worship something bigger than ourselves. There are many ways we can try to satisfy this longing for God, but they all come up empty.

One of the things I frequently find myself saying as I grow older is, “This life is temporary.” Another is “Everything changes – nothing stays the same in this world.”

Only Jesus is always the same: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Heb. 1:3-9).* God tell us in **Malachi 3:6: *I the Lord do not change.***

The Lord is the only *rock* we can stake our lives on: not only our temporary lives here, but our lives for all eternity. *Mary*



*has received a gift
in loving memory of:*

Jack Schmidt
By Dr. and Mrs.
Daniel Brandt
of Muskego, WI

Lee Ray Hayse
Grandfather of
Santana Jeansonne
By Vera Keith
of Thermopolis, WY

Thomas H. Cable
By his wife
Mary Frances Cable
of Belton, TX

Grif Alford, Jr.
By his sister
Claudia A. Stribling
of Jackson, MS

*Our loss is Heaven's gain. Our prayers
are with those who loved them.*

Out of Sight

Don't forget about those in jail. Suffer with them as though you were there yourself (Heb. 13:3 TLB).

Out of sight, out of mind, is quite easy to practice. Many folks prefer to help those who may be more deserving, but Christians are called by God to especially remember those who are out of sight – in prison.

While on the cross Jesus prayed for those who were crucifying Him: *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34 NIV).* The man being crucified beside Jesus said: *We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve (Vs. 41).* To him Jesus said, *Today you will be with me in Paradise (Vs. 43).*

Jesus had a special love for anyone who recognized their need of forgiveness. Every day we receive dozens of letters from men and women who confess their guilt and ask us to pray for them. God has given us a wonderful opportunity to tell them about His Son. There are thousands of people in jail who are out of sight to us, but we can provide them a book that we believe God will use to draw them to Christ as their Savior. *Merlin*

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Thank you for sending us the *Bible on Praise*.

We have been reading it to each other every night and are encouraged by the verses. Your painting on the cover is beautiful.

PATRICIA AND CINDY, CA

Every time I read *Praise News* I receive such a blessing.

INGA, WI

The best way we can “Support our troops” and “Remember our Veteran’s” is to give them as many of your praise books as possible. Only in eternity can we see how many souls were saved and blessed through these praise books. There is no other way to handle the hard times we all have, except to follow instructions God gave you, and you have given to many thousands. Thank you for your books.

JEAN, MD

I have read your latest book, *God's Secret Weapon*, and it is a book to read over and over. You have a wonderful way of explaining God's message and the power behind it. The book came at a difficult time when I was facing surgery. All turned out well and I'm so thankful you wrote this book. I was able to give it all to Jesus and I understand better how to pray.

RUTH, NH

I have read *Prison to Praise* and *Power in Praise* many times and have just put them next to my bed again. (The best read is before bed, you know!) Thank you for your constant devotion to the fulfillment of your appointed ministry. He is delighted!

PHYLLIS, MN

God bless all of you! You are all a wonder to me. Your *Praise News* always addresses the issue I am struggling with at the time.

BETTY, CT

I am so grateful for *Praise News*. I always send mine on to a friend.

ROSEMARY, WI

Our “Father's Prayers” group collect an offering once a month for you to send *Prison to Praise* to a place of your choice. This book has changed so many, many lives.

SHARON, IA

I am a missionary to the very poor in a mountain town. I just finished reading *Answers to Praise*. My mother died some time ago and I inherited her copy. How I have been blessed learning about praise.

PATRICIA, PANAMA

You have and are being mightily used of the Lord in these challenging times when the enemy is seeking to bring such fear upon people everywhere.

PAT, WA

I have been so blessed by your books. I've been very sick but I'm slowly recovering. Your books are so easy for people to read.

MADELINE, SD

Thank you for writing your most recent book, *God's Secret Weapon*. It was great!

LOU, IL

Last October you prayed for my son for the Lord to deliver him from a severe problem. The Lord heard, my son is a new child and it is glorious! His demeanor, his relationships, everything has changed. Praise the Lord!

JACQUELINE, CA

Your continued faithful support has enabled us to send shipments of free praise books to the following facilities:

Cook County Jail, Chicago, IL
Hutchins State Jail, Dallas, TX
Noble County Jail, Albion, IN
Story County Jail, Nevada, IA
Butte County Jail, Oroville, CA
Correctional Institute, Muncy, PA
Coconino County Jail, Flagstaff, AZ
Stevens County Jail, Colville, WA
Nueces County Jail, Corpus Christi, TX
Orange County Women's Jail, Orange, CA
Lanesboro Correctional Institute, Polkton, NC
Hamilton County Justice Center, Cincinnati, OH
Mecklenburg County Jail, Charlotte, NC
Correctional Institute for Women, Jessup, MD
Federal Correctional Institute, Ashland, KY
Alexander Juvenile Center, Benton, AR
San Juan Detention Facility, Farmington, NM
Jerome Combs Detention Center, Kankakee, IL
Correctional Institute for Women, Jessup, MD
Groveland Correctional Facility, Sonyea, NY
Cross City Correctional Institute, Cross City, FL
Central California Women's Facility, Chowchilla, CA
Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex, Petros, TN
Indian River County Sheriff's Office, Vero Beach, FL
Barnstable County Correctional Facility, Buzzard's Bay, MA
Forsyth Law Enforcement Detention Center, Winston-Salem, NC



National Day of Prayer - May 7th

The National Day of Prayer Task Force's mission is to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, mobilizing the Christian community to intercede for America and its leadership in the seven centers of power: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family.

This year treat your mom to a day of rest.

Make the meals - maybe prepare breakfast in bed.

Do one of her jobs around the house, but mostly make sure she knows how much you appreciate her! And most of all thank God for her!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOMS!



The traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored or neglected. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, not just those fallen in service to our country.

On Memorial Day, May 25th, please take the time to pay, with sincere conviction, your respect for those who died protecting and preserving the freedoms we enjoy, for we owe those honored dead more than we can ever repay.