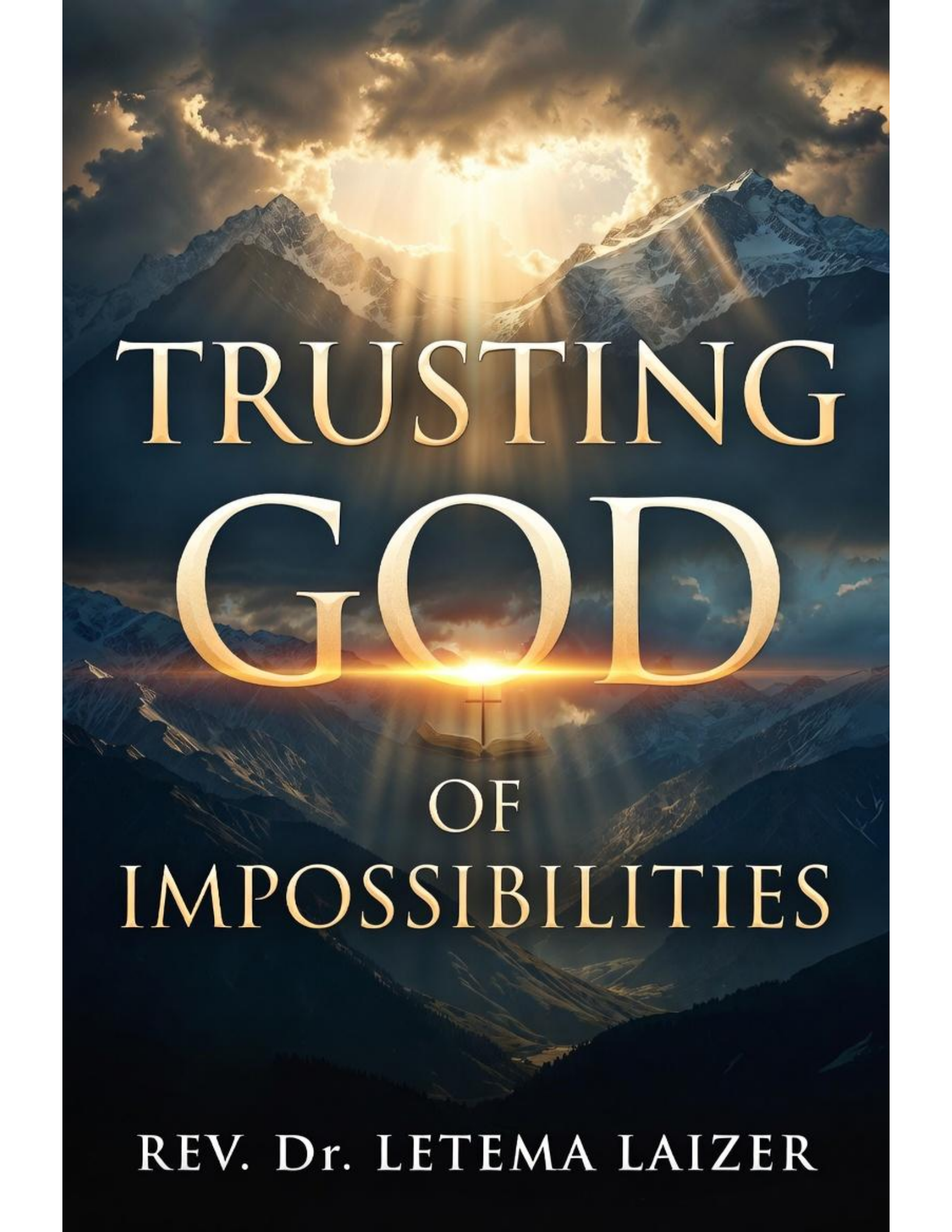




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A Journey to Know Jesus Christ Who Has Answers When the World Says “Impossible”

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"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted." — Job 42:2
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Dedication

To Jesus Christ — The God of the Impossible

*“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” — **Zechariah 4:6 ESV***

This book is not mine. Every word came from You. Every testimony belongs to You. Every soul this book touches — You already knew their name before the foundation of the world.

To every reader holding this book with trembling hands and a desperate heart: He sees you. He knows your impossibility. And He is not the least bit intimidated by it.

To Jesus Christ — Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace — This book is Yours. To Your glory alone. Forever and ever. Amen.

*“Is anything too hard for the Lord?” — **Genesis 18:14 ESV***

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"I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." — Psalm 9:1 NIV

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To the body of Christ across every tribe, tongue, and nation who will carry this message to the uttermost parts of the earth — you are not ordinary messengers. You are ambassadors of the King of Kings, carrying the most important news the world has ever heard: Nothing is impossible with God.

"His power is made perfect in weakness." — 2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV

This book was born from that weakness. And it is dedicated to the God whose strength is made perfect precisely there.

Foreword: Why I Wrote This Book

“But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” — John 20:31 ESV

I did not write this book from a library.

I wrote it from a hospital room. From a prayer closet at midnight. From seven years of living Mark 5:25-26 — spending everything I had on every available solution, submitting to every examination, trying every treatment, following every recommendation — and growing worse instead of better.

Mark 5:25-26 describes a woman who “had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.”

For seven years, that was my biography.

I know what it feels like to sit across from a doctor whose eyes carry the quiet resignation of someone who has run out of medical answers. I know the particular silence that follows the words “We have done everything we can.” I know the kind of prayer that comes from a place of such complete desperation that language fails and all you can do is groan toward heaven and hope that heaven understands.

And I know — because I have experienced it personally, in my own body, undeniably and irreversibly — what happens when the God of the Impossible shows up at that wall.

He does not merely knock it down. He walks through it with you.

This book was written for one reason — the same reason John gave for writing his gospel:

“But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” — John 20:31 ESV

Not theoretical life. Not religious life. Not the life of a person who manages impossibilities by sheer willpower and positive thinking.

Life in His name.

The name above every name. The name at which every knee will bow. The name that was spoken over the sick and they were healed, over the dead and they rose, over the sea and it divided, over the grave and it surrendered its prisoner.

His name is Jesus.

And if this book does one thing — let it introduce you, or reintroduce you, to that Name.

Because everything changes when you truly meet the God who bears it.

— Rev. Dr. Letema Saruni Laizer

Introduction: The Word That Breaks Through

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” — Luke 1:37 ESV

Have you reached a place where doctors say “we can’t”? Where the bank says “no loan”? Where the mirror says “you are too far gone”? Where every door is closed and every option is exhausted? Where your own heart — the last voice you hoped would encourage you — says “I’m done”?

Welcome.

This book was not written for people who have everything together. It was written for people who have hit the wall — the hard, immovable, apparently permanent wall of human impossibility — and are desperately wondering whether anything or anyone can break through it.

Because it is precisely at the wall that Jesus makes a door.

In these pages we will not be learning theories about God. We will not accumulate theological information about a distant deity who was once active in ancient history. We will be doing something far more personal and far more urgent: We will meet Him.

The God who:

- Told a ninety-year-old woman — whose womb had been dead for decades — “You will have a son” (Genesis 18:14)
- Split the Red Sea for two million terrified people with nowhere to run and an army bearing down behind them (Exodus 14:21)
- Called Lazarus by name out of a sealed tomb after four days of decomposition (John 11:43)
- Rose from His own grave on the third day — defeating the final and greatest enemy of the human race (Matthew 28:6)

And who — today, right now, in your specific situation — is calling your name.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” — Matthew 11:28

The God of the Impossible is not a historical figure sealed in ancient texts. He is a living Person standing at the door of your impossibility — knocking, calling, ready to enter.

And the only question this book asks you to answer is this: Will you open the door?

Let’s begin.

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Chapter 1: What Is God's Name? He Is "I CAN"

"God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.'" — Exodus 3:14 ESV

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for me?" — Jeremiah 32:27 ESV

The world gives you labels. "Too late." "Too broken." "Too far gone." "Impossible."

People give you labels. Doctors give you labels. Bank managers give you labels. Your own past gives you labels. And sometimes, in your darkest moments, you give yourself the cruelest labels of all.

But God does not give you a label. God gives Himself a Name.

"I AM WHO I AM."

And that name is not merely a declaration that He exists. It is the most comprehensive statement of divine capability ever uttered. "I AM" means:

- **I am present** — not watching from a distance, not preoccupied with larger problems, not absent in your crisis. Here. Now. With you.
- **I am ready** — not preparing, not gathering resources, not consulting advisors. Ready at this moment to act on your behalf.
- **I am able** — not limited by your biology, your finances, your history, your diagnosis, your circumstances. Able. Fully. Completely. Absolutely.
- **I am now** — not "I was" in biblical times, not "I will be" in the distant future. Right now. In this. For you.

When God says "I AM" — He is saying "I CAN."

Part One: The Three Names That Change Everything

Name 1: I AM — The Self-Existing, Ever-Present God

Exodus 3:13-15 — "Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And he said, 'Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'"

Moses was standing before a burning bush — a bush that was on fire and yet not consumed. And from within that impossible phenomenon, God spoke His name.

The name was not chosen casually. It was the most accurate single phrase that could capture who God is: I AM WHO I AM — He exists in and of Himself, dependent on nothing and no one, limited by nothing and no one, sustained by nothing and no one outside of His own eternal, infinite, self-sufficient Being.

Revelation 1:8 — “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

He was before your problem existed. He is in the middle of your problem right now. He will be when your problem is resolved and forgotten. He encompasses your impossibility from every angle of eternity.

Name 2: El Shaddai — God Almighty

Genesis 17:1 — “When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.’”

Job 42:2 — “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”

El Shaddai — God Almighty — is the name God used at the precise moment He was about to do something that required more than natural power. He declared Himself El Shaddai to a ninety-nine-year-old man whose body was described as “as good as dead” (Romans 4:19) — before announcing that his ninety-year-old wife would conceive and bear a son.

The impossibility of the situation was not a problem for El Shaddai. It was the context for His greatest display.

God does not waste His most powerful name on easy situations. He reveals El Shaddai when every human option has been exhausted — so that when the miracle arrives, there is no competing explanation. All the glory goes to Him alone.

2 Chronicles 20:6 — “O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. In your hand are power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.”

Name 3: Jehovah Jireh — The Lord Who Provides

Genesis 22:14 — “So Abraham called the name of that place, ‘The Lord will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’”

Philippians 4:19 — “And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 6:31-33 — “Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father

knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Jehovah Jireh means the Lord who sees and provides. Not the Lord who sometimes notices and occasionally supplies — but the Lord whose very nature is to see every need before you articulate it and provide before you run out.

Abraham discovered this name on a mountain when God provided a ram in the thicket at the last possible moment. The provision was already there — Abraham just had not climbed high enough yet to see it.

Whatever you cannot see yet — God has already provided it. You just haven’t climbed to the vantage point where you can see the ram in the thicket.

Part Two: Bible Story — Sarah Laughed, God Acted

Genesis 18:9-14 — “They said to him, ‘Where is Sarah your wife?’ And he said, ‘She is in the tent.’ The Lord said, ‘I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.’ And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, ‘After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?’ The Lord said to Abraham, ‘Why did Sarah laugh and say, “Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?” Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”’

Genesis 21:1-3 — “The Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did to Sarah as he had promised. And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac.”

Let us follow the progression: Sarah heard the word — and she laughed. Not a laugh of joy. A laugh of incredulous, self-protective, defensive unbelief. “After I am worn out and my lord is old — shall I have pleasure? This is absurd.”

God responded not with condemnation but with a question: “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

Five words. One question. The entire theology of impossibility contained in a single rhetorical interrogative: Is anything too hard for the Lord?

The expected answer — the only biblically and logically coherent answer — is No. Nothing is too hard. Not Sarah’s age. Not her dead womb. Not Abraham’s failing body. Not twenty-five years of waiting. Not the accumulated weight of decades of disappointment. Nothing.

One year later — at the appointed time God had specified — Isaac was born. And Sarah laughed again.

But this time, the laugh was entirely different. This was the laugh of a woman who had seen the impossible become actual, the promise become person, the word of God become flesh in her arms.

Genesis 21:6 — “And Sarah said, ‘God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.’”

The name Isaac means laughter. God did not merely give Sarah a son. He redeemed her laugh — taking the laugh of skeptical unbelief and transforming it into the laugh of overwhelming, overflowing, impossible joy.

Whatever you have laughed at in unbelief — God may be preparing to turn into your name for the miracle. Your greatest testimony of laughing in wonder at what He has done.

Part Three: The Seven “I AM” Declarations of Jesus

In the Gospel of John, Jesus makes seven explosive declarations — each one claiming divine identity over a specific human impossibility:

- **John 6:35** — “I am the bread of life” — He satisfies every spiritual hunger
- **John 8:12** — “I am the light of the world” — He illuminates every spiritual darkness
- **John 10:9** — “I am the door” — He opens every door no one can shut
- **John 10:11** — “I am the good shepherd” — He seeks every lost and wandering soul
- **John 11:25** — “I am the resurrection and the life” — He reverses every death
- **John 14:6** — “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” — He is the only path to the Father
- **John 15:1** — “I am the true vine” — He is the source of all spiritual fruitfulness

Your impossibility falls into one of these categories. And Jesus has already announced Himself as the answer to each one.

Are you spiritually hungry and empty? — He is the Bread of Life. Are you walking in confusion and darkness? — He is the Light of the World. Is every door closed before you? — He is the Door. Do you feel lost, abandoned, forgotten? — He is the Good Shepherd. Is something dead in your life — a dream, a relationship, a calling? — He is the Resurrection. Do you not know which way to go? — He is the Way. Are you spiritually dry and fruitless? — He is the True Vine.

Part Four: Reflection and Application

Jeremiah 32:17 — “Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.”

Romans 4:20-21 — “No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.”

Practical Exercise:

Step 1 — Take a piece of paper right now. Write down your specific impossibility. Be honest. Be precise. Name it — the medical condition, the financial crisis, the broken relationship, the closed door, the dead dream.

Step 2 — Write Jeremiah 32:17 directly over it: “Nothing is too hard for You.”

Step 3 — Speak aloud: “My God’s name is I AM. He is El Shaddai — God Almighty. He is Jehovah Jireh — the Lord who sees and provides. And He says: ‘Is anything too hard for Me?’”

Step 4 — Identify which “I AM” declaration of Jesus speaks most directly to your specific situation. Make it your verse for the week.

Chapter 1 — Prayer

“Father, I am learning something new about Your name today — or perhaps I am remembering something I had forgotten. Your name is I AM. Not I WAS — as though Your power belongs only to ancient history. Not I WILL BE — as though Your help is always in the future. But I AM — present, active, and able right now in my specific situation.

I confess that I have sometimes looked at my circumstances so long that I forgot to look at You. I have measured my impossibility by human limits rather than by Your unlimited name.

Today I hand You what I have been carrying alone. I name it before You right now: [name your impossibility]. And I declare over it: NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR YOU.

I AM has sent me through this book. I AM is meeting me in this moment. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Exodus 3:14 · Jeremiah 32:17, 27 · Genesis 18:14 · Genesis 21:1-3 · Job 42:2 · Genesis 22:14 · Romans 4:20-21 · Revelation 1:8

Chapter 2: What Does Jesus Say? “Only Believe”

“Do not fear, only believe.” — Mark 5:36 ESV

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” — Matthew 19:26 ESV

Jesus did not say “Only understand.” He did not say “Only feel good about it.” He did not say “Only figure out how it will work.”

He said three words that are simultaneously the most demanding and the most liberating words ever spoken to a human being standing at the edge of impossibility: “Only believe.”

Faith is not denying reality. It is not pretending the diagnosis does not exist. It is not acting as though the debt is not real or the relationship is not broken or the door is not genuinely, apparently, firmly closed.

Faith is refusing to let current reality be the final word.

It is the decision — not the feeling, not the emotion, not the sensation — but the deliberate, conscious, costly decision to believe what God says over what circumstances say. To give His word greater authority than the doctor’s report. To treat His promise as more reliable than the bank statement. To hear His voice more clearly than the voice of every natural evidence arrayed against the miracle.

This is “only believe.”

Part One: The Man Who Got the Worst News — Jairus

Mark 5:21-24 — “And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, ‘My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.’ And he went with him, and a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.”

Jairus was a man of position and influence — a ruler of the synagogue, respected and educated. But when his twelve-year-old daughter was dying, every credential he possessed became irrelevant. Position cannot heal a dying child. Education cannot reverse a deteriorating condition. Influence cannot negotiate with death.

So Jairus did the only thing left to do. He fell at the feet of Jesus.

And Jesus went with him. Immediately. Without conditions. Without requiring a faith statement first. Without demanding that Jairus prove his theology was correct before receiving help. He simply went.

But then — the interruption that every parent dreads:

Mark 5:35-36 — “While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler’s house some who said, ‘Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?’ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, ‘Do not fear, only believe.’”

“Your daughter is dead.” The most complete impossibility. The most final-sounding report. The most devastating four words a parent can receive. And into that specific, personal, devastating moment — Jesus spoke: “Do not fear, only believe.”

Not “I understand your grief.” Not “We did everything we could.” Not “I am sorry for your loss.” “Do not fear, only believe.”

Mark 5:41-42 — “Taking her by the hand he said to her, ‘Talitha cumi,’ which means, ‘Little girl, I say to you, arise.’ And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.”

Immediately. Not gradually recovering. Not slowly showing improvement. Not “somewhat better.” Immediately — the dead girl got up and walked.

The lesson of Jairus: the moment the worst report arrived was not the moment to abandon faith — it was the moment faith was most needed. Death is not the end of the story when Jesus is in the story.

Whatever worst report you have received — Jesus has not yet spoken His final word over your situation. And His final word is always life.

Part Two: The Woman Who Refused to Accept “Impossible”

Mark 5:25-34 — “And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, ‘If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.’ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.”

Twelve years. Twelve years of medical appointments. Twelve years of treatments that failed. Twelve years of spending every resource she possessed on solutions that did not work. Twelve years of growing worse despite everyone’s best efforts. Twelve years of being ceremonially unclean — unable to worship in the temple, unable to be touched without making others unclean, unable to fully participate in the community she longed to belong to.

Twelve years of documented, undeniable, medically certified impossibility.

And then — a decision. A determination. A desperate, faith-fueled resolve: “If I just touch His garment — I will be made well.”

She pressed through the crowd illegally — an unclean woman touching people she was forbidden to touch, approaching a rabbi she had no right to approach. She was breaking social law, religious law, and the accumulated common sense of twelve years of failed efforts.

She did it anyway. She touched the hem of His robe. And twelve years of impossibility ended in one second.

Mark 5:33-34 — “But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, ‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’”

Notice what Jesus called her. Not “woman” — which would have been respectful. Not her name — which would have been personal. But “Daughter.”

In her most desperate, most exposed, most vulnerable moment — Jesus gave her the greatest identity in the universe: a daughter of God.

Your impossibility does not define you. Your twelve years of unanswered need do not define you. Your medical report does not define you. Your Father defines you. And He calls you daughter. Son. His own.

Part Three: The Kingdom Principle — Why Jesus Sometimes Delays

John 11:4, 6 — “But when Jesus heard it he said, ‘This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.’... So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days.”

John 11:14-15 — “Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe.’”

When Lazarus was sick — Jesus deliberately delayed. He received the news and stayed two more days in the place where He was. By the time He arrived, Lazarus had been dead for four days. The tomb had been sealed. The mourners had gathered. The situation had moved from “serious illness” to “sealed tomb.”

And from the outside — this looked like abandonment. But Jesus said: “For your sake I am glad I was not there — so that you may believe.”

The delay was purposeful. A healing of a sick man would have been impressive. The raising of a four-day-dead man — whose body had begun decomposing, whose tomb had been sealed, who could by no natural means be revived — was undeniable. No one could attribute it to spontaneous recovery. No one could claim medical coincidence. Only God could do this.

The principle that changes everything: Jesus sometimes delays not because He is indifferent to your pain — but because He is setting up a miracle that will be impossible to explain by any other means.

Your delay is not His disinterest. Your delay is not His inability. Your delay is His design — calibrating the timing of your miracle for maximum impact, maximum testimony, maximum glory.

Habakkuk 2:3 — “For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.”

Part Four: What “Only Believe” Looks Like Practically

Hebrews 11:1 — “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

Romans 10:17 — “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

Mark 9:23-24 — “‘If you can!’ said Jesus. ‘All things are possible for one who believes.’ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’”

The father’s prayer in Mark 9:24 is the most honest prayer in the New Testament. He does not pretend to have perfect faith. He does not manufacture confidence he does not feel. He comes with broken, trembling, partial, struggling faith — and says: “I believe. Help my unbelief.”

And Jesus healed his son.

Perfect faith is not required. Present faith is.

Even faith the size of a mustard seed — the smallest seed, the most easily overlooked, the most seemingly insignificant — is enough to move mountains (Matthew 17:20). You do not need to have it all together before you bring your faith to Jesus. You need only bring what you have — however small, however broken, however mixed with doubt — and offer it.

He will do the rest.

For You Today — Three Practical Steps

Step 1: Find one Scripture that speaks specifically to your impossibility. Write it down. This is your “only believe” anchor.

Step 2: Declare it aloud every morning before checking your phone, before reading the news, before the day’s impossibility reasserts itself.

Step 3: When doubt rises — and it will — do not fight the doubt. Pray the prayer of Mark 9:24: “I believe — Lord, help my unbelief.” Then return to your Scripture anchor.

Chapter 2 — Prayer

“Lord Jesus, I hear Your voice saying to me today exactly what You said to Jairus in his most devastating moment: ‘Do not fear — only believe.’ I confess that fear has often been louder in my life than faith. The reports have seemed more real than Your promises.

But today I make a choice — not based on how I feel, but based on who You are. I choose to only believe.

I bring You my twelve years — my years of trying, failing, spending everything and growing worse. And I reach through the crowd right now by faith and touch the hem of Your garment. Whatever twelve years of impossibility has built in my life — I believe You can undo it in one moment.

Make me whole. In Your name. Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Mark 5:21-43 · Mark 5:36 · Mark 5:34 · Matthew 19:26 · John 11:4, 14-15 · Hebrews 11:1 · Romans 10:17 · Mark 9:23-24 · Matthew 17:20

Chapter 3: When You Obey, The Sea Parts

“Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it.” — Exodus 14:15-16 ESV

“So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” — James 2:17 ESV

Moses stood at the edge of the Red Sea with: the sea in front — vast, deep, uncrossable; Pharaoh’s army behind — six hundred chariots bearing down at full pursuit; mountains on either side — no escape route, no detour, no alternative path; two million terrified people around him — crying, accusing, wishing they had stayed in Egypt; and a prayer in his mouth.

God’s response to the prayer was not “I hear you, Moses — help is on the way.”

God’s response was: “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the people to move forward.”

This is one of the most startling exchanges in the entire Bible. Moses is praying — which seems like exactly the right response to an impossible situation. And God essentially says: “This is not the moment for more prayer. This is the moment for obedient action. The answer is already arranged. The only variable is whether you will move.”

The miracle did not come before the step. The miracle came with the step.

Moses lifted his staff. The sea divided. Israel walked through on dry ground. But until the staff went up and the feet moved forward — the water did not move.

Part One: The Anatomy of Obedient Faith

Exodus 14:13-21 — “And Moses said to the people, ‘Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.’ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it.’... Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.”

Notice the precise sequence: Moses stretched out his hand — obedience first. The Lord drove the sea back — miracle follows obedience. The waters were divided — the impossible becomes passable.

The sea did not part and then invite Moses to lift his staff. The staff went up first. The feet moved first. The obedience preceded the opening.

This is the consistent pattern of biblical miracle:

- The servants filled the water jars — then the water became wine (John 2:7-9)

- The ten lepers went to show themselves to the priests — and were cleansed as they went (Luke 17:14)
- Naaman dipped in the Jordan seven times — and his skin was restored on the seventh dip (2 Kings 5:14)
- Peter got out of the boat — and walked on water (Matthew 14:29)

Every one of these miracles required an act of obedience that made no natural sense before the miracle happened. Fill water jars when you need wine. Show yourselves to the priests when you are still diseased. Dip in muddy water when you have leprosy. Step out of the boat when you cannot swim on the Sea of Galilee.

The miracle lived on the other side of the obedience.

Part Two: Bible Story — Peter Walked on Water

Matthew 14:25-32 — “And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, ‘It is a ghost!’ and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.’ And Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.”

Peter walked on water. Not because the water changed its molecular structure. Not because Peter had special abilities. Not because the storm ceased before he stepped out.

Peter walked on water because Jesus said “Come” — and Peter stepped out.

The other eleven disciples heard the same invitation. They chose to remain in the boat. Peter chose to step out. And for however long that water-walk lasted — Peter was the only human being in history, other than Jesus, to walk on water.

Then Peter looked at the wind.

The wind was real. The waves were real. The storm was real. Peter was not wrong to notice them — they genuinely existed and genuinely threatened. But in that moment of looking at the wind rather than at Jesus — his focus shifted from the Source of the miracle to the size of the problem.

And he began to sink.

The moment he cried “Lord, save me” — Jesus immediately reached out His hand. Not after a lecture. Not after a faith assessment. Not after demanding that Peter demonstrate better theology. Immediately. The moment desperation cried out — the hand of Jesus was there.

Hebrews 12:2 — “Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

The instruction is not “Look at your storm and try to feel peaceful.” The instruction is “Look to Jesus.”

Part Three: Bible Story — The Wedding at Cana

John 2:5-10 — “His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.’ So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.’”

The servants had a wine problem. Jesus told them to fill water jars.

This made no natural sense. If you need wine, filling water containers does not solve the problem. The obedience required looked foolish to the natural mind.

They obeyed anyway. They filled the jars not halfway — not tentatively — but up to the brim. Full, complete, extravagant obedience. And then they drew from those jars — which from every natural perspective still contained water — and took it to the master of the feast.

The transformation happened between the filling and the drawing — in the invisible, miraculous space of complete obedience. And what arrived at the master’s table was not merely wine. It was the best wine of the entire feast.

God transforms ordinary obedience into extraordinary miracle — and His miraculous results are always better than our natural solutions could have produced.

Part Four: What Is Your Staff?

The question God is asking you: “Why are you still praying about this? Move forward. Lift your staff.”

Your staff is the specific, personal, particular act of obedience that God has been prompting you toward — the step you have been postponing until circumstances change, until the sea parts, until the risk decreases, until you feel more ready.

For some readers, the staff is: a curriculum vitae sent to an employer when the job market seems impossible; a business plan submitted in faith before all the capital is secured; a phone call to someone you have been avoiding — to apologize or to forgive; a doctor's appointment you have been afraid to make because you fear the report; a tithe given in faith when finances seem impossibly tight; a conversation about Jesus with someone in your life who needs to hear; a return to church after years of distance and disappointment; a first step into the calling God has been placing on your heart — even before you feel fully prepared.

Three Questions for Today

- 1. What is your staff?** What has God been specifically telling you to do that you have been waiting to do until conditions improve?
- 2. What are you looking at?** Are you fixing your gaze on the wind and waves of your circumstance — or are you looking to Jesus?
- 3. Where do you need to step out of the boat?** What act of obedient faith has been waiting for your first step?

Chapter 3 — Prayer

“Lord, I hear You speaking to me through these pages today. You are saying: ‘Why are you still crying about this? Move. Lift your staff. Get out of the boat. Fill the water jars. Take the step.’

I confess that I have been waiting for the sea to part before I take a step. But You are calling me to take the step first — in faith — and trust You with the parting.

Show me my staff today. Show me the specific step of obedience that is waiting for me. And as I lift it — as I step out — let the sea divide. Let the water become wine. Let the miracle meet my obedience.

I am moving forward. In Jesus' name. Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Exodus 14:13-21 · Matthew 14:25-32 · Hebrews 12:2 · John 2:5-10 · 2 Kings 5:10-14 · Luke 17:14 · James 2:17 · Joshua 1:9

Chapter 4: When God Says “No” or “Wait”

*“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” — 2 Corinthians 12:9
ESV*

“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace... But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods.” — Daniel 3:17-18 ESV

This is the chapter that many faith books skip over. They tell you about every sea that was parted — but not about the times God said “the sea will not part today, but I will walk into the water with you.” They celebrate every miraculous healing — but not about the times God said “My grace is sufficient” rather than removing the thorn.

This chapter is for those seasons.

Because the God of the Impossible sometimes does the miracle of taking you out of the fire. But sometimes — in His infinite wisdom, His perfect timing, His sovereign love — He does the greater miracle of walking into the fire with you. Both are real. Both are love. Both are evidence of a God who is actively, personally, intimately present in your impossibility.

Part One: Paul’s Thorn — When God Says “My Grace Is Enough”

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 — “So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Paul — the man who raised the dead (Acts 20:9-10), who healed the sick (Acts 28:8), who planted churches across the known world, who wrote more of the New Testament than any other author — had a thorn.

A persistent, painful, unresolved condition that he begged God three times to remove.

God said “No.”

And then God explained the “No” — which is itself an act of extraordinary grace. God did not merely refuse and fall silent. He spoke into the refusal: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

The miracle Paul needed was not the removal of the thorn. The miracle Paul needed was the grace to carry the thorn without being crushed by it — and the revelation that God’s power is most visibly demonstrated through human weakness.

The thorn that remained was the very thing that kept Paul dependent on the grace that sustained him.

The lessons of Paul’s thorn: God’s “No” is never abandonment — it is often purposeful protection. God’s “No” is never powerlessness — it is often divine wisdom choosing a different kind of miracle. God’s “No” produces something that “Yes” cannot — the demonstration of sustaining, sufficient, supernatural grace. When you are weakest — His power is most perfectly displayed.

Part Two: The Three Hebrew Men — The Faith That Does Not Negotiate

Daniel 3:16-18 — “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, ‘O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.’”

“But if not.” Three words that represent the summit of faith. Not the faith of easy seasons and answered prayers — but the faith of the furnace, the faith of the unresolved, the faith that trusts God’s character independently of God’s answers.

“Our God is able to deliver us.” — Faith in God’s power. “He will deliver us.” — Confidence in God’s intention. “But if not.” — Unconditional devotion regardless of outcome.

This is covenant faith rather than transactional faith. Transactional faith says “I will trust God if He gives me what I ask.” Covenant faith says “I trust God because of who He is — and my trust does not depend on the specific answer.”

Daniel 3:25 — “He answered and said, ‘But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.’”

God did not prevent the furnace. He walked into it with them. The chains that bound them were burned off by the very fire meant to destroy them. They walked freely in the fire. And they came out without even the smell of smoke (Daniel 3:27).

The fire did not destroy them — it revealed the presence of God with them.

And when they emerged — the miracle attracted more witnesses to the power of God than if the furnace had never been lit (Daniel 3:28-30).

Your fiery trial may be the very context in which God becomes most visible to the people watching your life.

Part Three: Three Principles for the Waiting Room

Principle 1: God Is Never Late — He Has an Appointed Time

Habakkuk 2:3 — “For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.”

Ecclesiastes 3:11 — “He has made everything beautiful in its time.”

John 11:6 — “So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed where he was two more days.”

God operates on an eternal calendar that does not synchronize with human urgency. What appears to us as dangerous delay is, from His perspective, perfect timing. He is not scrambling to catch up to your crisis. He is not watching anxiously hoping He can intervene in time.

He has set an appointed time — and when that time comes, the fulfillment will be exactly what was needed, exactly when it was needed, with exactly the impact it was designed to have.

The appointed time is coming. Do not stop before you reach it.

Principle 2: Waiting Is Not Wasted — It Is Transformation

Isaiah 40:31 — “But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint.”

Romans 5:3-5 — “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

James 1:3-4 — “For you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

The waiting room is the most productive season in the life of faith — not despite the difficulty, but through it. In the waiting room: endurance is built — you learn to sustain faith under sustained pressure; character is formed — who you are under pressure reveals who you truly are; hope is deepened — from shallow optimism to tested, anchored certainty; dependence on God is cultivated — you learn, experientially and permanently, that you cannot manufacture the miracle yourself.

The eagle does not become strong by avoiding resistance — it becomes strong by spreading its wings into the wind. The resistance that seems to work against you is the very thing developing the strength you will need for everything that comes after the waiting room.

Principle 3: A “No” Can Be the Greatest Protection

Matthew 7:9-11 — “Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”

Proverbs 3:5-6 — “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

Jeremiah 29:11 — “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

A loving father does not give his child everything the child wants. He gives his child what is good for the child — even when the child cannot yet see the difference and the denial feels like rejection.

When God says “No” — He is not withholding something good from you. He is protecting you from something that would harm you; preserving you for something better than what you asked for; redirecting you toward a plan that exceeds your current vision; demonstrating that He is a Father who loves you enough to withhold what you want for the sake of giving you what you truly need.

The “No” that breaks your heart today may be the most loving act of divine fatherhood you will ever experience — though it may take years to see it clearly.

Part Four: Bible Story — Joseph’s 13-Year Waiting Room

Genesis 37:3-4 — Joseph, beloved son with a God-given dream. **Genesis 37:24, 28** — Joseph thrown into a pit, sold into slavery. **Genesis 39:20** — Joseph falsely accused and thrown into prison. **Genesis 41:41** — Joseph elevated to second in command over all Egypt. **Genesis 50:20** — “You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive.”

Thirteen years from the pit to the palace.

Thirteen years of circumstances that looked like — from every natural angle — the destruction of the dream rather than its fulfillment. The pit was not the plan. The slavery was not the plan. The prison was not the plan. But God used every one of them as stages in the preparation for Joseph’s ultimate assignment.

And at each stage — the Lord was with Joseph (Genesis 39:2, 21, 23).

In the pit — the Lord was with Joseph. In Potiphar’s house — the Lord was with Joseph. In prison — the Lord was with Joseph.

The prison was not a punishment. The prison was a positioning — the place where Joseph met the cupbearer who would eventually connect him to Pharaoh.

Your waiting room is not your waste room. It is your preparation room. Every stage is purposeful. Every delay is developmental. Every “no” is navigational — redirecting you toward the assignment only you can fulfill.

Chapter 4 — Prayer

“Father, I confess that ‘No’ and ‘Wait’ are the hardest answers to receive. My flesh wants the miracle now — the healing, the breakthrough, the open door, the resolved situation.

But today I choose a deeper faith than the faith that only trusts You when You say ‘Yes.’

If this is a ‘Wait’ season — renew my strength as I wait. Let me be like the eagle, rising above the storm on wings of faith. Let suffering produce endurance, and endurance produce character, and character produce the hope that does not disappoint.

If this is a ‘No’ season — give me the grace to say with the three Hebrew men: ‘My God is able. But even if He does not — I will not bow.’

And walk with me in the fire. Let the fourth man be visible in my furnace. Let Your presence be more real to me than the flames.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 · Daniel 3:16-18, 25, 27 · Habakkuk 2:3 · Isaiah 40:31 · Romans 5:3-5 · Genesis 50:20 · Matthew 7:9-11 · Jeremiah 29:11

Chapter 5: His Name Is Jesus — Lord of the Impossible

*“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” — **Philippians 2:9-11 ESV***

*“[His power is] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.” — **Ephesians 1:21 ESV***

Every Old Testament miracle was a preview of something greater.

The parting of the Red Sea — a preview of One who would part the sea of sin that separated humanity from God. The manna in the wilderness — a preview of One who would say “I am the bread of life.” The water from the rock — a preview of One who would say “Whoever drinks of the water I give will never be thirsty again.” The bronze serpent lifted on a pole — a preview of One who would say “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.” The Passover lamb — a preview of the One who would be called “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”

Every Old Testament impossibility overcome was pointing forward — to the One who would not merely perform impossible things but who was Himself the embodiment and fulfillment of everything the impossible miracles pointed to.

His name is Jesus.

Part One: Jesus — The Greater Moses

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 — “For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”

Hebrews 3:3 — “For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses — as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.”

John 1:17 — “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”

Moses was the greatest miracle-worker of the Old Testament — and even he was only a shadow of the One who came after him. Moses parted the Red Sea — Jesus parted the infinite sea of sin and guilt that separated every human being from their Creator. Moses gave manna — Jesus said “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger.” Moses interceded for a rebellious people — Jesus died for a rebellious people and rose to intercede eternally for them at the Father’s right hand (Romans 8:34).

Moses was the messenger. Jesus was the message. Moses was the servant. Jesus was the Son (Hebrews 3:5-6).

Part Two: Jesus — The Greater Elijah

1 Kings 17:21-22 — “Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, ‘O Lord my God, let this child’s life come into him again.’ And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived.”

Mark 5:41-42 — “Taking her by the hand he said to her, ‘Talitha cumi,’ which means, ‘Little girl, I say to you, arise.’ And immediately the girl got up and began walking.”

Elijah raised the dead by crying out to God — stretching himself over the child three times, appealing to the One who had the power to restore life.

Jesus raised the dead by speaking two words — “Little girl, arise.” He did not cry out to Another. He spoke with the authority of the One who IS life.

Elijah needed to appeal to the God who had the power. Jesus IS the God who has the power.

Part Three: The Cross — The Greatest Impossibility Ever Overcome

Romans 3:23 — “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 5:8 — “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 — “That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”

Matthew 28:5-6 — “But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.’”

Romans 8:11 — “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”

The greatest impossibility in the history of the universe was not a medical condition or a financial crisis or a broken relationship.

It was this: humanity had sinned against an infinitely holy God — and the moral and spiritual gap was infinite, permanent, and by every human calculation, irreversible.

No religion could bridge it. No human effort could close it. No accumulation of good works could measure up to an infinite standard. It was impossible.

And God crossed it anyway.

He sent His own Son — God in human flesh — to live the perfect life we could not live, bear the infinite punishment we deserved, absorb the full wrath of God on our behalf, die the death that our sin had earned, be buried in a borrowed tomb, and then rise from that tomb on the third day — demonstrating forever and without any possibility of doubt that death, sin, and impossibility itself have been decisively defeated.

If God solved sin and death — the two ultimate impossibilities of the human condition — what in your life is too hard for Him?

Part Four: He Is Knocking at Your Door Right Now

Revelation 3:20 — “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

The God of the Impossible is not an idea to be studied. He is not a theological concept to be analyzed. He is not a historical figure to be admired from a safe distance.

He is a Person — and He is at your door right now.

At the door of your hospital room. At the door of your financial crisis. At the door of your broken marriage. At the door of your failed dream. At the door of your grief. At the door of your addiction. At the door of your impossibility.

He is knocking. His name is Jesus. And He is waiting to be let in.

Prayer to Meet Jesus

“Lord Jesus — I have heard about You in this chapter. I have read about the miracles, the cross, the resurrection. But I want more than information. I want to meet You.

I open the door of my heart right now.

Come in — into my impossibility, into my situation, into my confusion, into my waiting, into my pain. I believe You are the Lord of the Impossible — greater than Moses, greater than Elijah, the One who conquered sin and death. If You can do that — You can handle what I am facing.

I trust You, Lord Jesus. Come in. You are welcome here. Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Philippians 2:9-11 · Ephesians 1:19-21 · John 1:14, 17 · 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 · Hebrews 3:3 · Romans 3:23 / 5:8 · Matthew 28:5-6 · Romans 8:11 · Revelation 3:20

Chapter 6: “Not By Might” — The Power of the Holy Spirit

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.” — Zechariah 4:6 ESV

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” — Job 42:2 ESV

Zerubbabel stared at a mountain.

Not a metaphorical mountain — but the actual, enormous, apparently unsurmountable task of rebuilding the temple of God with a tiny community of returning exiles who were poor, discouraged, surrounded by opposition, and utterly lacking the resources required for the assignment before them.

By every human calculation — it was impossible.

And God’s word to Zerubbabel was not a fundraising strategy. It was not a leadership development plan. It was not a motivational speech about the power of positive thinking.

It was five words that have echoed through every generation since: “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit.”

Might (chayil in Hebrew) — human muscular effort, military strength, organizational force. Power (koach) — human ability, personal energy, natural capability. My Spirit — the unlimited, supernatural, creation-originating power of the living God, operating through surrendered human vessels.

The mountain before Zerubbabel was not going to be leveled by human effort. It was going to become level ground by the moving of the Spirit of God.

And the same is true of your mountain.

Part One: Who Is the Holy Spirit?

John 14:16-17 — “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

John 16:13 — “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”

Romans 8:11 — “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.”

Acts 1:8 — “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

The Holy Spirit is not a force or an influence or a divine energy field. He is a Person — the third Person of the Trinity — who dwells within every believer permanently — not visiting, but inhabiting; guides into all truth — illuminating Scripture and revealing God’s ways; carries resurrection power — the same power that raised Jesus from the dead; empowers for witness — giving supernatural capability for the impossible task of representing Christ to the world; intercedes — praying through us what we cannot articulate in our own words (Romans 8:26); produces fruit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

You do not need more human effort. You need more surrender to the Spirit who is already within you.

Part Two: Before and After Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 — “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

Before Pentecost — the disciples were hiding behind locked doors, terrified of the authorities who had crucified Jesus (John 20:19).

After Pentecost — Peter stood before a crowd of thousands and preached with such boldness that three thousand people were converted in a single day (Acts 2:41).

The only thing that changed between the locked door and the open-air revival was the Holy Spirit.

Same people. Same city. Same opposition. Same impossibility of the task. But with the Spirit of God filling them — frightened fishermen became world-changing witnesses who would rather die than be silent about what they had seen and received.

Acts 17:6 records that observers said about these Spirit-filled believers: “These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also.”

Ordinary people. Extraordinary Spirit. Impossible results.

Part Three: Living in the Spirit Daily

Galatians 5:16 — “Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

Ephesians 5:18 — “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.”

Romans 8:26 — “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.”

Jude 1:20 — “But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit.”

The verb “be filled” in Ephesians 5:18 is present continuous in the Greek — literally, “keep on being filled, again and again, continuously.” The filling of the Holy Spirit is not a one-time event to be remembered — it is a daily, moment-by-moment lifestyle of surrender to the God who dwells within.

Daily practices of Spirit-filled living: surrender each morning — “Holy Spirit, today belongs to You. I yield my agenda, my plans, my responses, my conversations to Your direction.” Pray in the Spirit — when you do not know what to pray, let the Spirit intercede through you (Romans 8:26). Obey promptly — the Spirit leads; quick obedience keeps the pipeline clear. Feed on the Word — the Spirit uses Scripture as His primary tool; a Word-saturated mind gives Him much to work with. Worship continuously — maintaining an atmosphere of praise keeps your spirit oriented toward God throughout the day. Be sensitive to conviction — when the Spirit nudges, respond immediately rather than rationalizing.

Chapter 6 — Prayer

“Holy Spirit — I invite You into every area of my life that I have been managing by my own might and power. I have been exhausting myself trying to solve the impossible with natural resources. My strength has run out. My wisdom has run out. My options have run out.

But You have not run out.

Not by might — not by my effort. Not by power — not by my ability. But by Your Spirit.

Move in my situation today. Move in me. Break what I cannot break. Open what I cannot open. Transform what I cannot transform. Breathe life into what is dead.

Fill me afresh right now — with the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

I receive You. I yield to You. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Zechariah 4:6 · Job 42:2 · John 14:16-17 · Romans 8:11 · Romans 8:26 · Acts 1:8 · Acts 2:1-4 · Galatians 5:22-23 · Ephesians 5:18

Chapter 7: The Receipts — Jesus’ Miracles in the New Testament

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” — John 20:30-31 ESV

Faith needs evidence.

Not blind, unexamined, uncritical acceptance of claims that have no foundation — but informed, historically grounded, evidence-based faith in a Person who left an undeniable record of His power over every category of human impossibility.

John tells us that the miracles were written down for a specific purpose — not to entertain us with ancient stories, but to build in us a living, present-tense, personally transforming faith in the Jesus who performed them.

The Receipts, Category by Category

Scripture organizes the miracles of Jesus not as a random scrapbook of wonders, but as a deliberate, categorized body of evidence — “the receipts” — covering every domain of human impossibility.

Over Nature

Mark 4:39 — *“And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”*

John 2:9 — *“When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from.”*

Matthew 14:19-21 — *“And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing... and they all ate and were satisfied.”*

Over Sickness

Matthew 8:16-17 — *“And he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.’”*

Mark 10:52 — *“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.”*

Over Death

John 11:43-44 — *“When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out.”*

Luke 7:14-15 — *“And he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise.’ And the dead man sat up and began to speak.”*

Over Demonic Power

Mark 5:15 — *“And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind.”*

Every one of these categories corresponds to a category of impossibility you may be facing today — a raging storm of circumstance, a body that will not cooperate, a relationship or dream that feels dead, an oppression you cannot shake on your own. The receipts are not merely historical; they are the itemized proof that nothing you carry is outside the categories Jesus has already conquered.

Why the Receipts Matter for You

Hebrews 13:8 — *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

If Jesus performed these miracles two thousand years ago and He has not changed, then the receipts are not merely a record of what He once did — they are a preview of what He is still willing and able to do. The same hand that calmed the sea, opened blind eyes, and called the dead from the tomb is not weaker today. It is the same hand, extended toward your specific impossibility.

Reflection Questions

- 1.** — Which category of miracle — nature, sickness, death, or demonic power — speaks most directly to what you are facing right now?
- 2.** — Does knowing that Jesus is unchanged ‘yesterday, today, and forever’ change how you approach your current impossibility?

“Lord Jesus, thank You for the receipts — the undeniable record of Your power over every category of impossibility. You calmed storms, healed the sick, raised the dead, and delivered the oppressed. You have not changed. I bring my own impossibility before You today and ask for the same power that filled the Gospels to fill my situation now. Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Mark 4:39 · John 2:9 · Matthew 14:19-21 · Matthew 8:16-17 · Mark 10:52 · John 11:43-44 · Luke 7:14-15 · Mark 5:15 · Hebrews 13:8

Chapter 8: His Name Is Above All — Jesus Christ Is God

Philippians 2:9-11 — *“Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

Colossians 2:9 — *“For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily.”*

Everything this book has said about the God of the Impossible would collapse into empty sentiment if Jesus Christ were merely a good teacher, a moral example, or a gifted miracle-worker operating on borrowed power. The entire weight of the Christian claim rests on a single, non-negotiable truth: Jesus Christ is God.

Part One: Jesus Claimed to Be God

John 8:58 — *“Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.’”*

The religious leaders around Jesus understood exactly what He meant — He was claiming the covenant name of God spoken to Moses from the burning bush. Their response confirms it: they picked up stones to stone Him for blasphemy (John 8:59).

John 10:30 — *“I and the Father are one.”*

John 14:9 — *“Jesus said to him, ‘Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.’”*

These are not the words of a humble teacher pointing beyond himself. They are the claims of a Man who believed — and demonstrated — that He was God in human flesh.

Part Two: The Apostles Worshiped Him as God

John 20:28 — *“Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’”*

When Thomas touched the risen Christ's wounds, he did not say ‘my teacher’ or ‘my prophet.’ He said, ‘My Lord and my God.’ And Jesus did not correct him — He received the worship as His rightful due.

Titus 2:13 — *“Waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

Hebrews 1:3 — *“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”*

1 Timothy 3:16 — *“Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit.”*

Micah 5:2 — *“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah... from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.”*

Bible Story: The Authority to Forgive Sins

Mark 2:5, 9-11 — *“And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’... ‘Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Rise, take up your bed and walk”? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’ — he said to the paralytic — ‘I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.’”*

The religious teachers in the room understood immediately what was at stake: only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7). Jesus did not argue the theological point — He proved it. He performed a visible miracle to authenticate an invisible claim. The healed legs were evidence for the forgiven soul. Both required the same divine authority, and Jesus possessed it.

Part Three: Why the Deity of Christ Changes Everything

If Jesus is merely a great man, then His teaching is inspiring but His power is borrowed, and there is no guarantee it is available to you. But if Jesus is God — as He claimed, as His apostles worshiped, and as His resurrection proved (Romans 1:4) — then everything He said about Himself is not aspiration. It is fact.

Isaiah 9:6 — *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

Revelation 19:16 — *“On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”*

This is the God of the Impossible you have been reading about in every chapter — not a distant deity who occasionally sends help through an intermediary, but God Himself, who put on human flesh, walked among us, bore our sin, rose from the grave, and now bears ‘the name above every name.’

Reflection Questions

1. — Have you related to Jesus primarily as a teacher and example, or as God Himself — worthy of worship, obedience, and trust?
2. — How does the certainty that Jesus is God change the way you bring your impossibility to Him?

“Lord Jesus, I confess with Thomas: You are my Lord and my God. Not merely a teacher to admire, but the God to whom every knee will bow. I bring You worship, not just requests. Reign as God over every part of my life, including the impossibility I carry today. In Your holy name, Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Philippians 2:9-11 · Colossians 2:9 · John 8:58-59 · John 10:30 · John 14:9 · John 20:28 · Titus 2:13 · Hebrews 1:3 · Mark 2:5-11 · Isaiah 9:6 · Revelation 19:16

Chapter 9: Daily With the God of the Impossible

Lamentations 3:22-23 — *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”*

2 Corinthians 4:16 — *“So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”*

A single encounter with the God of the Impossible can change a life forever. But a life sustained in continual, daily encounter with Him is what carries a person through the years that follow the miracle — and through the seasons before the next one arrives.

Part One: The Rhythm of Morning

Psalms 5:3 — *“O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.”*

Mark 1:35 — *“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.”*

Even Jesus — fully God and fully man — modeled a rhythm of seeking the Father before the demands of the day began. If the Son of God needed unhurried morning communion with the Father, how much more do we.

Part Two: Four Daily Practices

1. Surrender — Begin each day by handing God your plans, your fears, and your specific impossibility. “Not my will, but yours, be done” (Luke 22:42).

2. The Word — Feed on Scripture daily — not as information, but as living bread (Matthew 4:4). Let one verse become your anchor for the day.

3. Prayer without ceasing — Maintain an ongoing conversation with God throughout the day, not confined to a single morning appointment (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

4. Gratitude — End each day naming specific things God has done — however small — training your eyes to notice His hand (Psalm 103:2).

Bible Story: Daniel's Unshaken Rhythm

Daniel 6:10 — *“He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.”*

Even under threat of death, Daniel's daily rhythm of prayer did not change. It was not a crisis response — it was already his established pattern, which is precisely why it held under pressure. A daily rhythm built in peacetime is what sustains you in wartime.

Deuteronomy 8:3 — *“Man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.”*

Psalms 90:14 — *“Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.”*

Part Three: Living Daily Between the Miracles

Habakkuk 3:17-18 — *“Though the fig tree should not blossom... yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.”*

Most of life is lived in the space between miracles — the ordinary days of obedience, waiting, and faithfulness that do not feel dramatic but are quietly building the endurance and character that will carry the next breakthrough. Daily faithfulness in the ordinary is not a lesser calling than the extraordinary; it is the soil the extraordinary grows from.

Reflection Questions

1. — What would need to change in your current morning routine to make room for unhurried time with God?
2. — Which of the four daily practices — surrender, the Word, prayer, gratitude — is weakest in your life right now?

“Father, teach me to walk with You daily, not only in crisis but in the ordinary rhythm of my mornings and evenings. Let Your mercies that are new every morning become the anchor of my day. Renew my inner self day by day, even as my outer circumstances remain unresolved. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Lamentations 3:22-23 · 2 Corinthians 4:16 · Psalm 5:3 · Mark 1:35 · Luke 22:42 · Matthew 4:4 · 1 Thessalonians 5:17 · Psalm 103:2 · Daniel 6:10 · Habakkuk 3:17-18

Chapter 10: My Testimony — He Healed Me After 7 Years

Psalms 103:2-3 — *“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.”*

I told you in the Foreword that I did not write this book from a library. Here is the fuller story I promised.

Seven Years

For seven years, my body became a battlefield I did not choose and could not win by my own strength. Like the woman in Mark 5, I moved from doctor to doctor, treatment to treatment, spending what I had and finding myself, more often than not, no better — sometimes worse. I know the particular exhaustion of hope deferred (Proverbs 13:12), the private tears prayed into a pillow when no one else could see, and the quiet fear that perhaps this thorn, like Paul's, was simply mine to carry for the rest of my life.

Proverbs 13:12 — *“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.”*

The Turning Point

I did not receive my healing in a single dramatic instant, the way blind Bartimaeus did. My healing came the way Naaman's did — through obedience sustained over time, through a growing refusal to let the diagnosis have the final word, through the daily practices described in the previous chapter becoming lifelines rather than routines. I fixed a single verse before my eyes and refused to let it go:

Jeremiah 30:17 — *“For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord.”*

I spoke it when the symptoms said otherwise. I prayed it when friends stopped asking how I was doing because the answer never changed. And slowly — not overnight, but unmistakably — the God of the Impossible began to do in my body what seven years of human effort could not.

The Healing

Exodus 15:26 — *“I am the Lord, your healer.”*

There came a day — which I remember with the same clarity Bartimaeus must have felt the moment his eyes opened — when I realized the weight I had carried for seven years was gone. Not managed. Not medicated into tolerability. Gone. The God who split the Red Sea, who called Lazarus from the tomb, who raised His own body from the grave, had reached into my seven years and done what no physician's chart said was possible.

Psalms 30:2 — *“O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.”*

Isaiah 53:5 — *“But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities... and with his wounds we are healed.”*

What I Learned

1. Delay is not denial — My seven years were not evidence that God had forgotten me. They were the waiting room described in Chapter 4 — a season of preparation I did not choose but that God used.

2. Obedience sustains faith — The daily disciplines of Chapter 9 were not decoration around my healing — they were the very soil it grew in.

3. Testimony is not optional — Once healed, I could not stay silent. ‘Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you’ (Mark 5:19) became the mandate of the rest of my life — and this book is part of that obedience.

Mark 5:19 — *“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”*

Reflection Questions

1. — Is there a ‘seven years’ season in your own life — a long, unresolved impossibility you have carried?
2. — What single verse could you fix before your eyes the way I fixed Jeremiah 30:17 before mine?

“Lord, You are the God who healed me after seven years, and You have not changed. If someone reading this carries their own seven years right now — of sickness, of waiting, of unanswered prayer — I ask You to do for them what You did for me. Restore health. Heal the wound. Let this testimony become their expectation. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.”

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Psalms 103:2-3 · Proverbs 13:12 · Jeremiah 30:17 · Exodus 15:26 · Mark 5:19

Your Turn: What Has God Done for You?

Psalm 107:2 — *“Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble.”*

Revelation 12:11 — *“And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.”*

Every testimony in this book — Sarah's laughter turned to joy, Jairus's daughter, the woman with the issue of blood, Peter on the water, Paul's thorn, the three Hebrew men, Joseph's thirteen years, and my own seven — exists to prepare you to write your own.

Your testimony does not need to be dramatic to be powerful. It needs only to be true, and it needs to be told.

Write It Down

Take a few minutes, right now, and answer these questions in your own words — in a journal, on this page, or wherever you keep what matters:

1. — What is the impossibility you are facing, or have faced, that only God could resolve?
2. — What has God already done — even partially, even quietly — in that situation?
3. — Who is one person you could tell this testimony to this week?

A Word Before You Continue

If your impossibility has not yet been resolved — if you are still in the waiting room, still carrying the thorn, still standing at the edge of your own Red Sea — your testimony is not finished. It is being written. The next chapters of this book will show you how to keep praying, how to give your whole life to Jesus if you have not already, and how to walk forward until the testimony is complete.

“Lord, thank You for what You have already done in my life, and thank You in advance for what You are still doing. Give me courage to speak my testimony, however small it may feel, and let it become a word of conquest for someone else's faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

Chapter 11: After the Narrow Gate — Prayers That Touch God

Matthew 7:13-14 — *“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”*

James 5:16 — *“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”*

Having walked through the narrow gate of salvation and daily surrender, the believer discovers a privilege that changes everything that follows: access to a Father who hears, and prayer that genuinely moves Him to act.

Part One: The Kind of Prayer That Touches God

Luke 18:1-8 — *“And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart... And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily.”*

The persistent widow did not have status, wealth, or influence — only relentless persistence before a judge who did not even fear God. If an unjust judge eventually relents to sheer persistence, how much more will our loving Father respond to the persistent prayers of His own children?

Bible Story: Daniel's Twenty-One-Day Battle

Daniel 10:12-13 — *“Then he said to me, ‘Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days.’”*

Daniel's prayer was heard on the very first day — but the answer was delayed three weeks by unseen spiritual resistance. Daniel did not know this was happening; he simply kept praying. Some prayers are answered immediately in the unseen realm even while the visible answer is still weeks away. Do not measure whether God has heard you by how quickly you see the answer.

1 John 5:14-15 — *“And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.”*

Philippians 4:6-7 — *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*

Part Two: Four Foundational Types of Prayer

Scripture does not present prayer as a single, uniform activity — it reveals distinct kinds of prayer, each addressing a different dimension of our walk with God. Understanding these types equips us to pray with greater precision and greater faith.

1. The Prayer of Forgiveness — Asking and Rendering

Forgiveness prayer moves in two directions at once: we ask God to forgive us, and in the same breath we extend forgiveness to those who have wronged us. Jesus placed these two motions side by side in the very prayer He taught His disciples.

Matthew 6:12 — *“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”*

Mark 11:25 — *“And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”*

1 John 1:9 — *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

A prayer of forgiveness is incomplete if it only asks and never releases. Before bringing any other request to God, examine your own heart: is there someone you are still holding a debt against? Release them in the same prayer that asks God to release you.

2. The Prayer of Healing — Calling on Jehovah Rapha

Healing prayer is anchored not in a formula but in a name — Jehovah Rapha, ‘the Lord who heals.’ This name was first revealed to Israel in the wilderness, immediately after a bitter water source was made sweet, establishing that God's healing extends to every kind of affliction, physical and otherwise.

Exodus 15:26 — *“I am the Lord, your healer.”*

James 5:14-15 — *“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.”*

Jeremiah 17:14 — *“Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for you are my praise.”*

Notice that James commends calling for others to pray alongside you — healing prayer is not always a solitary act. Like the woman with the twelve-year issue of blood, healing prayer often requires persistence: naming the specific ailment, declaring God's revealed character as Healer, and continuing to press in faith even when the answer does not arrive immediately.

3. The Prayer of Guidance and Protection

Guidance and protection are frequently sought together in Scripture, because a person walking in God's revealed will is also a person walking under His covering.

Psalms 143:10 — *“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”*

Psalms 91:1-2 — *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’”*

Proverbs 3:5-6 — *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”*

Prayer for guidance asks not merely for information about the future but for a teachable spirit in the present — ‘teach me to do your will.’ Prayer for protection then trusts that the same God directing your steps is also the shelter surrounding them.

4. The Prayer of Breakthrough

Breakthrough prayer contends specifically against a fixed, seemingly immovable obstacle — a closed womb, a locked door, a wall of water, a fortified city. Scripture consistently pairs this kind of prayer with a corresponding act of obedience.

Exodus 14:15-16 — *“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it.’”*

Joshua 6:20 — *“So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown... and the wall fell down flat.”*

Habakkuk 2:3 — *“For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.”*

Breakthrough prayer often requires both fervency and patience — crying out to God while also obediently taking the specific step He has commanded, and then waiting for the appointed time of the answer.

Part Three: Fasting Prayer — Following Daniel, Moses, and Jesus

Fasting joined to prayer intensifies our seeking and humbles the flesh before God. Three figures in Scripture model this discipline most vividly, each in a different season and for a different purpose.

Daniel's Fasting

Daniel 9:3 — *“Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.”*

Daniel 10:2-3 — *“In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks. I ate no delicacies, no meat or wine entered my mouth, nor did I anoint myself at all, for the full three weeks.”*

Daniel's fasting was not a single dramatic act but a sustained posture — sometimes a full fast tied to urgent repentance, other times a partial fast (later called the 'Daniel Fast') sustained over three weeks while awaiting an answer already in motion behind the scenes.

Moses' Fasting

Exodus 34:28 — *"So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments."*

Moses' forty-day fast accompanied an extraordinary encounter with God's presence on the mountain — fasting here was not a technique to obtain something, but a natural response to being wholly absorbed in the presence of the Lord.

Jesus' Fasting

Matthew 4:1-2 — *"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry."*

Jesus fasted before, not after, the greatest temptation of His earthly ministry — modeling that fasting prepares and strengthens the spirit for the battles that lie ahead, rather than serving only as a response to a crisis already underway.

How to Connect Fasting to Prayer

1. Define your purpose — Are you seeking breakthrough, repentance, direction, or deeper intimacy with God? Fasting without a clear purpose becomes mere dieting (Isaiah 58:6-9).

2. Choose your fast — A full fast (Moses), a partial fast abstaining from certain foods (Daniel), or a defined-time fast from a single meal are all biblically attested. Choose according to your health and season of life.

3. Pair fasting with genuine repentance — Joel 2:12 calls fasting to be joined with a torn heart, not merely torn garments: 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.'

4. Keep it before God, not before others — Jesus warned against fasting to be seen by others (Matthew 6:16-18) — the reward of fasting is found in secret, before the Father who sees.

5. Sustain it with prayer, not silence — Fasting without prayer is only self-denial. Fill the appetite's absence with Scripture, worship, and intercession.

Isaiah 58:6-9 — *"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness... Then shall your light break forth like the dawn... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer."*

Joel 2:12 — *"Yet even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."*

Matthew 6:16-18 — *“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites... but anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret.”*

Part Four: God's Promises to Hold Onto

Prayer is strengthened when it stands on specific, named promises rather than vague hope. The following promises have anchored believers across every generation and remain as true today as the day they were first spoken.

Jeremiah 29:11 — *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”*

Isaiah 41:10 — *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Philippians 4:19 — *“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”*

Romans 8:28 — *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”*

Joshua 1:9 — *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

2 Corinthians 1:20 — *“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”*

Numbers 23:19 — *“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?”*

Hebrews 13:5 — *“I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

Psalms 34:17-19 — *“When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.”*

Matthew 19:26 — *“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

Every promise above carries the same divine signature: God, who cannot lie, has spoken — and 2 Corinthians 1:20 assures us that every one of these promises finds its ‘Yes’ in Christ. Pray them by name. Declare them over your circumstances. Let them become the vocabulary of your faith, not merely verses you have read once and set aside.

Part Two: Prayers That Touch God

A Prayer for Healing

“Lord, You are Jehovah Rapha, the God who heals. I bring my body, my mind, and my heart before You. Touch what medicine cannot reach. Restore what has been broken. I believe You are still the God who says, ‘I am the Lord, your healer.’ Amen.”

A Prayer for Provision

“Father, You are Jehovah Jireh, the God who provides. You see this need before I have even finished naming it. Supply according to Your riches in glory, not according to my limited resources. Teach me to trust Your provision even while I wait to see it. Amen.”

A Prayer for a Breakthrough

“Lord, like Moses at the Red Sea, I lift my staff today. Part what stands before me. Make a way where I see none. Let my obedience meet Your miracle. I believe nothing is too hard for You. Amen.”

A Prayer for Family

“Father, I bring my family before You — the ones walking with You and the ones still far off. Draw them by Your Spirit. Let my household, like the households of Scripture, become a household that serves the Lord. Amen.”

A Prayer for Guidance

“Lord, I do not know which way to go, but You are the Way. Direct my steps as You promised in Proverbs 3:5-6. Close the doors that are not Yours and open the ones that are. I trust You with what I cannot yet see. Amen.”

Reflection Questions

1. — Which of these five prayers matches what you need to pray most right now?
2. — Are you willing to keep praying for twenty-one days — or longer — the way Daniel did, even without visible evidence that heaven is moving?

Scriptures to Carry Through the Week

Matthew 7:13-14 · James 5:16 · Luke 18:1-8 · Daniel 10:12-13 · Exodus 15:26 · Philippians 4:19 · Proverbs 3:5-6

Final Chapter: The Altar Call — How to Give Your Life to Jesus

Hebrews 4:7 — &“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”.”

Every chapter of this book has pointed to a single truth: the God of the Impossible is not an abstract force but a Person — Jesus Christ — who is knocking at the door of your life right now. If you have read this far and have never opened that door, this final chapter is written especially for you.

Why We Need a Savior

Romans 3:23 — *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

Romans 6:23 — *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Ephesians 2:8-9 — *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”*

The greatest impossibility any human being faces is not medical, financial, or relational — it is the impossibility of an infinitely holy God and a sinful humanity ever being reconciled by human effort alone. Jesus Christ is the only bridge across that gap (John 14:6).

The Invitation

Romans 10:9-10 — *“Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”*

A Prayer to Receive Jesus Christ

“Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, that You died for my sins, and that You rose again on the third day. I confess that I have sinned and need Your grace. I turn from my sin and open the door of my heart to You right now. Come in and be my Lord and my Savior. Thank You for saving me and making me a new creation. In Your name I pray, Amen.”

2 Corinthians 5:17 — *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”*

Acts 4:12 — *“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”*

John 3:16 — *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

Your First Steps

Your First Steps

1. **Tell someone** — Confess Christ openly to a friend, family member, or pastor (Matthew 10:32).
 2. **Read your Bible daily** — Begin with the Gospel of John and let Scripture become your daily bread (1 Peter 2:2).
 3. **Find a church** — Commit to a body of believers who will walk with you (Hebrews 10:24-25).
 4. **Get baptized** — Follow Christ in water baptism as a public declaration of your new life (Acts 2:38).
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If you prayed that prayer today, you have not just finished a book — you have begun the greatest relationship of your life, with the very God who split seas, healed the incurable, raised the dead, and conquered His own grave. Welcome to the family of the God of the Impossible.

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A Note from the Author

If you have made it to this page, thank you — not for reading a book, but for walking through a journey with me. I did not write these chapters as a detached observer of impossible situations. I wrote them as a man who spent seven years in one, and who met the God who ended it.

Whatever your impossibility looks like today — medical, financial, relational, spiritual — I want you to hold onto one sentence long after you close this book: nothing will be impossible with God (Luke 1:37).

If this book has helped you, I ask only one thing in return: tell someone. Pass it on. Let your testimony become the next chapter someone else needed to read.

Until the next impossibility becomes your next testimony — I am praying for you.

In His unfailing grip,

Rev. Dr. Letema Saruni Laizer

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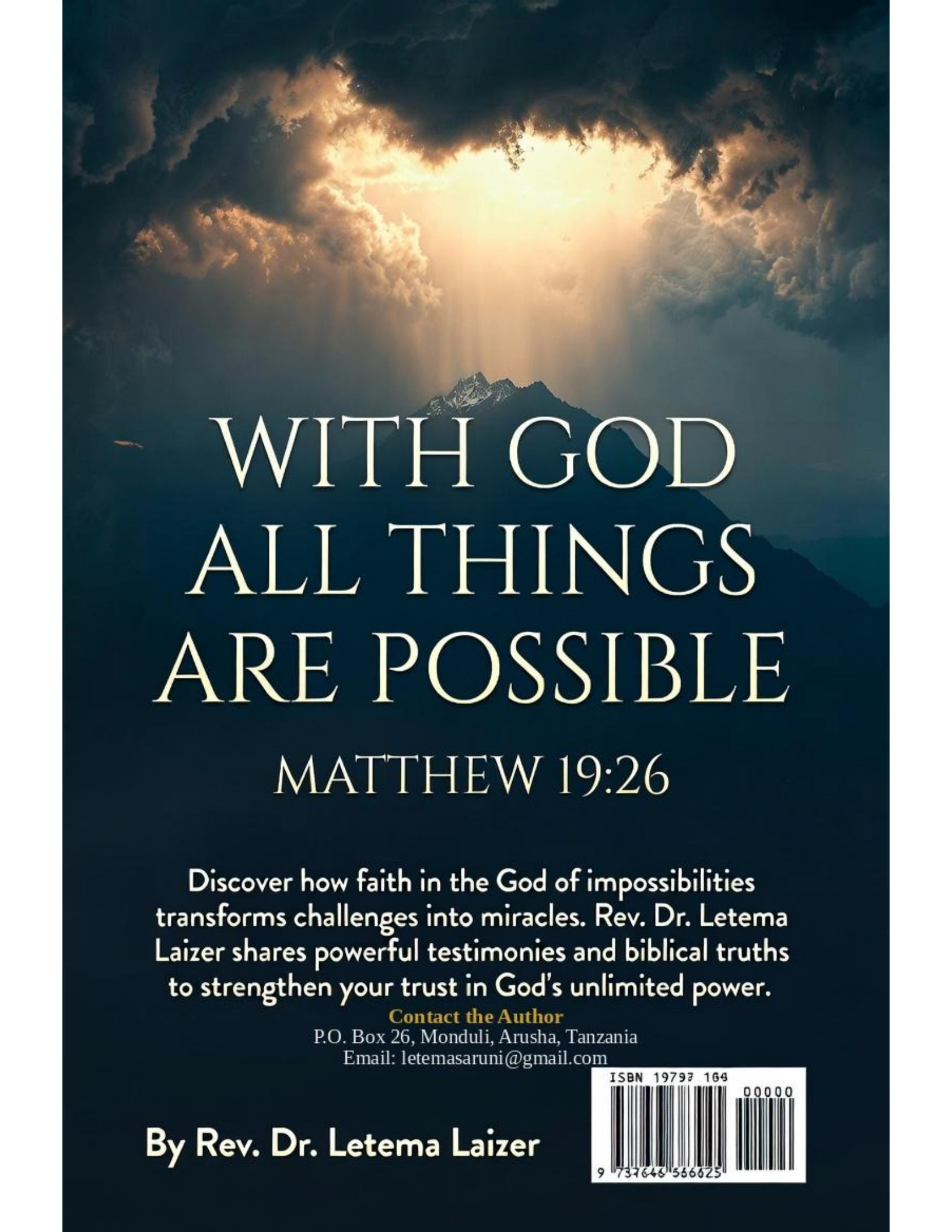
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MATTHEW 19:26

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