



Be Open To The Impossible

WEEK 3 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In this message of the series entitled, *Conquer Impossibilities*, we will embrace being open to the impossible.

DISCUSSION

Facing the impossible is inevitable. But with God, all things are possible. Jesus encourages us in **Matthew 19:25-26**: *...“Who then can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

- What impossibilities are you currently facing?
- How does this verse encourage you?

Elijah lived in a time of famine, but God took care of him. During this time, the nation was pursuing evil things, and because of this, God said there will be no rain for three and a half years. But He promised to take care of Elijah during this time. **1 Kings 17:4**: *...you shall drink from the brook; and I have commanded ravens to feed you.* Eventually, because of the drought, the brook that Elijah was drinking from dried up. So God commanded him to go to a city in Sidon, and there he would meet a woman that would take care of him.

1 Kings 17:8-14: *Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹ “Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” ¹⁰ So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” ¹¹ And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”*

¹³ *And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be*

used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.' ”

1. Open You Mind.

We won't be able to open our minds until we open our Bibles and get to know the God of the impossible. We serve a God that lives above the natural laws and our personal flaws, and He can supernaturally protect and provide. He is not a resource—He is THE Source of our lives!

- What are some things that stop you from being open to the impossible?
- Why do you think we sometimes disqualify ourselves from what God wants to do in our lives?

2. Open Your Heart.

It's one thing to know that God can do something—it's another thing to put it in your heart and act on it. Obedience is key. In verse 9, God told Elijah to go. In verse 13, God is saying to the widow, “let it go.” We are to GO where God is telling us to go, and LET GO of what God is telling us to leave behind. On the other side of obedience is abundance. When we do our part, God does His part.

- Share a time when God told you to go or let go of something. What was the end result?
- Is there anything God is currently asking you to do and/or let go of?

3. Open His Treasure.

When we do our part to go and let go, we will find ourselves opening up His treasure. When Elijah and the widow were both obedient to God's Word, God supernaturally moved in their lives for three and a half years. **Deuteronomy 28:12: “The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.”**

LIFE CHALLENGE

Colossians 3:2 says, ***Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.*** When we fix our minds on the God of the impossible, we can open our minds, our hearts, and His treasure.

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