

# Beyond Fearless

How to Remove Every Hindrance From Your Life



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# Chapter Four



## Remembering Who You Are

I grew up in the church, searched the world religions to explore my questions about God, came back home to the church, and still was not ever taught who I was in Jesus. As I travel to different churches, I am amazed just how ignorant believers are about who they are in Jesus. We know who Jesus is, we just have not been taught who we are *in* Jesus.

There are two aspects of knowing who you are in Christ: your divine aspect and your human aspect. As I dug deeper in the Word and began to ask God to show me the higher things of Him, I realized that I had spent my entire life learning and focusing on the human aspect

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of myself. I had not yet been taught the divine aspect of who I am and what I now have access to through in Jesus.

I first realized this as I sat week after week, sermon after sermon, and Bible study after Bible study in my church in Raleigh. Yes, the information and facts of the Word were continuing to be taught, but the truth of who I am through Jesus was not at the level I needed them to be to fulfill my calling. At first, these teachings served as a powerful way to realign my life with God and to get the sin out of my life.

He taught well on how to live my natural life, yet I was longing to understand the higher mysteries and wonders of God. I was thirsty to understand how to walk in the fullness of my calling, which was outside the walls of my church. I knew I was called to the Kingdom and was feeling confined in my church as there were few teachings on how to apply my gifts in the world.

It was time to move into the fulfillment of the prophecy that was spoken over my life by Prophet Bryant K. Osborne, who I met in Seattle, Washington before moving to Raleigh. On one particular day five years ago, I had grown weary in well-doing and was at my breaking point. I felt like I simply could not go on doing this work and unless something miraculous happened *that* day, I was going to throw in the towel, get a job, and move this

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work to the back burner of my life. It was feeling too hard that day.

It was that day for the second time in five years that God sent Bryant “BK” Osborne to deliver a word of prophecy to me. He said, “God is opening up a prophetic mantle and a healing mantle in your life.” I was already beginning to walk in the prophetic, so I knew that his words were confirmation, but the healing mantle had not yet opened up. That night I studied the Word “mantle” so I could fully grasp what he shared with me. I came to understand that his words really meant the full mantle of being a supernatural healer and vessel for God’s miraculous spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental healing.

Years later, this prophetic word continued to unfold in my ministry and in communion with The Holy Spirit. The next piece of deeper understanding came during the very first class I attended with Apostle Forte. He was teaching from Ephesians 1:19 about how God placed all things under Jesus’ feet.

*That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only the*

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*present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be the head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

Yes, I was familiar with that. Then, he continued in Ephesians 2:6 that so clearly stated, “And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressing in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” Did you catch it? Did you see it? Or did you miss it as I had so many times. Let me show you again.

*And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...*

If God raised you (the Church or the Body of Christ) up and seated you at the right hand of Jesus, then that means that your rightful place is in the heavenly realm and that all things are under your feet. In other words, you have power, dominion, and authority over all things of the spiritual world *and* all things in the natural realm.

Yet, I was living like things had control over me because I had not received the revelation of this Word

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from God. Even in having been working my Kingdom assignment full-time for almost seven years, I was still not operating as if I had all things under my feet – including Satan. I was still far too affected by the people and the things of this world. It was that day that I began to remember who I was in Jesus, and it is time for you to remember.

At the beginning of the year, I was invited to speak at a women's retreat in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) system. As I heard from the Holy Spirit as to what He would have me teach, he commanded me to teach that Satan had already been defeated and our true rank in the heavenly realm. Before I moved from Seattle, I attended an AME church and was very familiar with the limitations of experiencing God that are taught by that church system.

I trusted God and prayed that each of the presenters would line up with the truth of the Word, as I was the only minister coming to speak from outside of the AME system. The retreat coordinator had a conference call early one morning in preparation for the retreat and each of us shared a bit about what we would be teaching.

My teaching directly followed a minister I knew but had never discussed her understanding of the rank of

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believers in the heavenly realm. She shared only that she would be teaching the women how to go to war against the enemy and would be dressing up in a way that illustrated her point. I remember thinking, “Lord, I pray that everything we teach lines up with the truth that Satan has already been defeated and the war has already been won.”

I remained in a state of prayer as the morning of the retreat came. She did teach that there was a war and that it had already been rigged for our victory. I thought, “Whew! Thank you, God!” It was the perfect segue into what God was having me teach. As God would also have it, she spoke briefly that there is a realm between Heaven and earth in which evil dwells and a war is raging. My heart jumped for joy in my chest! Talk about the perfect set-up!

I was able to build upon the Truth that she taught seamlessly. I begin by sharing that the war had not only been rigged, but it had already been won (which meant that there really was no war at all). I was able to share that the realm she was talking about that exists between the earth and heaven is actually in submission to believers. Did you catch that? Satan is subject to your power in Christ Jesus. Satan only submits to the name of Jesus.

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## The Adversary

If someone would have told me years ago that I would be moving in deliverance and writing a book with a section on Satan, I would have gotten a good laugh and would have never believed it. With all of my work being about moving forward and living the life God created you to live, I never would have thought that part of that process requires gaining a clear understanding as to how Satan operates and how to keep him at bay.

I remember laughing to myself when I was 17 years old and Ms. Pat Hawthorne, my creative writing teacher at Timberline High School, told me that she thought I would be a minister. She explained that she knew that I would do something where I would influence a lot of people and stated with certainty that I would become a minister. I stood there thinking, “No way would I ever be a Pastor,” without understanding that ministering did not mean that I would be a pastor.

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I slowly walked back to my desk and shared it with my best male friend, Scott, and we got a good laugh from that one. I laughed then, yet here I am twenty years later ministering and knowing that I am right where I am supposed to be. If I ever get the chance to see Ms. Hawthorne again, I look forward to sharing this with her.

## Your Real Self

God created you above all things and gave you all power through Christ Jesus. God granted you literal power over death itself. All spirits are subject to you (Luke 10:20). He gave you the power to speak life or death with your tongue (Proverbs 18:21). Through Jesus, your actual position is above this world at His right hand in the heavenly realm.

Yes, you have a human nature, but you first have a divine nature and you are not of this world (John 17:14); you are in this world to subdue it (Genesis 1:28). All things were created to be subject to you, which means that they must submit and are to obey your words.

Jesus defeated the devil and his works (1 John 3:8). Satan knows it and literally preys on our lack of knowing that he has already been defeated. All of this means that Satan is subject to Jesus and you sit at the right hand of Jesus. I repeat – Satan is subject to Jesus through you.

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This understanding is paramount to removing every hindrance from your life.

Hindrances are from the devil. Hindrances are things that are placed in your way to stop, deter or abort the path you are on for God. Once you fully grasp that Satan is subject to you when you speak in the name of Jesus and that he has been fully overcome, you realize that he then must listen to your command and respond accordingly. The problem is that we aren't commanding, we are just allowing Satan to run rampant and unchecked in our lives.

I was just on the phone with the husband of a woman I had guided through *A Clean Sweep*. She wanted me to speak with her husband to hear just how transformed she has been since our work together. He began to share with me the many improvements he has seen in his wife since she spoke with me. Then he said, "Satan is just going to get in our marriage. We just have to remain together and work through it." I had to correct him because his statement held one of the biggest lies that has been allowed to remain in the church.

Satan cannot just come and go in your life. He is subject to you and he must - 100% of the time - follow your command. I reminded Lydia's husband that as the head of household, he really needs to close the doors in

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his life and in the marriage to which Satan has gained access.

Yet, a vast majority of Christians live defeated lives. We experience sickness, depression, financial struggle, stress, failure and many other things that are not from God. This must stop immediately. We can no longer say we represent Christ and live defeated, sub-par lives that make sinners prefer what the world has to offer when they see the fruit of our lives. This stops today. It is time for you to understand the revelation of who you really are, not who you have become.

Beginning today, you are leaving the lie of your past life behind. You are putting down the life that you created for yourself and picking up the life that Jesus created for you to live. Enough. Beginning today, all those who profess that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior will live lives that are the example of what is possible when you are co-heir (Romans 8:17) with Christ.

### **The Real You: Unraveling the Braid**

In your life, you are not really who you have come to believe yourself to be. No matter how successful you may already be or how spiritual you are, God has created you to be more powerful. Yet, far too many of our lives have become a braid and not the truth. A braid has three

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strands and these strands are wrapped together one over another until they form a stronger and seemingly complete whole.

This braid consists of one strand that represents who God created you to be – your real Self. The second strand of the braid consists of your emotional pain from your past. The third strand of your braid represents the unclean spirits that you have come to believe are a natural part of who you are.

You must take your braid apart and eliminate the parts of you that are not who God actually intended you to be. You were born to live with no emotional pain or unclean spirits. Yet, without carrying the emotional baggage from your past and the fruit of unclean spirits that you have unknowingly come to think of as parts of your character or personality, you may not know how much of “you” that leaves.

As I was learning of the many, many manifestations of unclean fruit in my life, I was blown away to see how many of those fruits I had sincerely come to know and believe to be part of my personality. One day during my studies, I just stopped and asked the Lord, “If all of these things are not the real me, then who am I?”

He flashed two scriptures in my head and said that anything other than what is in these two scriptures is not

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of Him. The scriptures were Galatians 5:22 in which God shares the fruit or evidence of the Holy Spirit in your life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The other scripture was Philippians 4:8 that teaches:

*“Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”*

God was telling me that if it was not one of these things, then it was not who I naturally am in Him.

Yes, you get to keep the characteristics that are at the core of your being, just not the mess that you have come to carry over the years. We often say of someone who just seems to be off or have bad habits, “That’s just the way they are,” or “That is just how Johnny is.”

This is not so if Johnny is a believer. Those bad habits and characteristics are not who God created him to be, they are what the world has molded him into. It is time to uncover who you really are and begin to live life from the truth of who you are and not the lies that the world wants you to believe so you never realized your greatness.

You can be saved, sanctified, love the Lord, and still have a heart of stone. You can even serve in the

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church, preach in the pulpit, direct the choir, be married to a pastor and still have a heart of stone. You can be someone who reads the Word, prays daily, is working on your Kingdom assignment, and still have a hardened heart. You can even be in a seemingly good marriage in which both you and your spouse are serving God, and still carry around hurt and pain if you have not done this work.

You may have even come to believe that the hurt and wounds from your past are just something you have to carry around and bear. This is not the truth.

You were created to have a clean heart – a heart free from all hurt, anger, pain, bitterness, wounds and impurities. For now, just know it is possible. I will walk you through the process of actually cleaning your heart in Chapter Four.

For now, you have got to begin opening your mind up to the possibility that you can be free in your heart, no matter what you have been through in your past. You can live a life of pure joy, no matter how many times you have been hurt, betrayed, wronged, or violated.

Begin to imagine your life with no emotional pain from your past. Imagine your heart being whole and free from any past hurts or wounds. This work will take you there. No more anger. No more bitterness. No more

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having to feel like you have to guard your heart from anyone being able to hurt you. God left you a process of literally putting the pieces of your heart back together again and living with a clean heart, a heart of flesh and not of stone.

The Breakthrough Coach in me has to take advantage of this coaching moment and help you find your own answers and path to living with a clean heart. Take a few minutes to explore these questions and write down your answers. If you are someone who does not like to write in your books, get out a piece of paper and write down these questions and your answers. Answer the following questions, even if you think you have already done this work before:

**What would you be like with no emotional pain in your heart?**

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**How would you move through your world differently?**

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**Would you feel differently? How?**

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**What would you do or say differently?**

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## Taking Your Rightful Place in Jesus

The Word clearly tells you that you have been given all power through Jesus. Hebrews 2:14 tells you that Jesus came to destroy the devil. I Colossians: 15 teaches how Jesus “disarmed the powers and authorities and made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them at the cross.” If we missed those verses or have never heard a sermon on the Truth of your power over Satan, the Word brings it home in I John 3:8 as it says, “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.”

Jesus himself tells us in Luke 10:19 – 20 that he saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven. He continues to declare that He has “given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.” The snake this passage refers to is Satan; the scorpions are evil spirits. One of the main reasons God brought Jesus was so you can take your rightful place over Satan, who has already been defeated.

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You already know that when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, He forgave your sins. But, do you know *how* He atoned for your sins? Because Satan rules sin. When Jesus died, He atoned for your sins because He defeated Satan, the ruler of sin. That is why it is only through Jesus that you can be cleansed of your sins and live a life above sin. When Jesus died on the cross, He completed the work of defeating Satan and gave you access to the divine nature of God through His Holy Spirit.

Satan cannot touch you without your permission. He can only enter through open “doors” in your life. You give him permission to enter through sin and using your tongue to speak ungodly things. Even without you being aware of it, the sin of your parents may have opened doors to Satan. I will share more about this as I cover the stronghold spirits and the fruit they produce in your life. I will also share how the doors got opened in your life.

### **You are The Temple of God**

One of the keys to understanding how the spirit realm works is to first remember that you are the temple of God (I Corinthians 3:16). You are the only temple that was made by God and not the hands of man (Acts 17:24). You are God’s sacred living quarters in which He dwells,

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and through which, He changes the world. You are God's most sacred creation. That is why He gave you all power and made everything yours (Luke 3:21).

Yet, when you think of God, you may think of Him as coming from the outside of you, when indeed He comes from inside of you. He does not "drop by your life" as you may have come to believe. In Luke 3:16, the Apostle Paul challenges the Corinthians with the question, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple."

### **The Kingdom of God is Within You**

How many times have you been in a church service and heard whoever was standing in the pulpit ask God to stop by? As if God is a UPS man who is going to come in from the outside and bring a package of salvation, deliverance, and healing only on some days and pass by to other churches on other days. How often have you prayed in your time with God that He show up in your life as if His power is outside of you?

I attended church for the first 36 years of my life before I truly understood that I am the temple of God and His Kingdom resides within me (Luke 17:21). The address

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of God is your address. You are the chance of those in your life to witness God. He works through you and I.

He has already given you everything you need. The answer to every desire you have and goal you are striving for is already within you. The only problem is that you are not enough to call it forth on your own power and strength. It can only be called forth in the name of Jesus. You have to fully get this in your spirit to be able to apply this work.

Once you remember that the Kingdom of God (not Heaven, these are two different places) is within you, then that leaves the question that you may be asking yourself, “If I everything I need is within me, then how do I activate the power of God that is already within me so it can become manifest?” Read on and I will teach you how.

### **Activating the Kingdom of God**

There are four steps to activating the manifestation of the power of God that lives within you. They are:

1. Decide
2. Believe
3. Speak/Command
4. Action

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One morning as I was sitting during my prayer and meditation time, praying for my day and asking God what He would have me do for the day. I had already written out my Impossible list for the day (I go into this whole process on my CD, *The Realm of The Impossible: Walking With The God of Miracles*) and I was on the item of getting more than 10 people registered for an upcoming workshop and it was the last day for Early Bird registration and it felt like I was far away from reaching my goal.

I then followed the teaching of Dr. David Yonggi Cho, the pastor of the largest church in the world, in his book, *The Fourth Dimension*, that shared that visioning is one of the languages of the Holy Spirit. I was seeing each of the items on my to-do list coming to pass in my mind's eye. Then, I heard the voice of God say, "But you haven't decided." Whoa! I just sat there for a moment to take in what I had just heard.

God was right. I had not decided. I was going through the motions of hoping, but I had not made a decision that it was *going* to happen today. I realized that I was still hoping and wishing that it would be done, but I was not in a space of certainty, which is what God requires of you and I before He moves.

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I focused my mind, commanding my spirit to line up with the Word that says that anything is possible through Christ who strengthens me, and decided that it was done. I began speaking the Word that tells me that anything I ask in the name of Jesus will be done for me. I sat and spoke the Word of God until something shifted in place within me. I knew I had decided.

Once I decided, I then asked myself, “Do I really believe?” Yes, I did. I could feel that it was literally done. I realized that I was onto something. God was teaching me the steps to activating His indwelling spirit to manifest in my life. I knew that while deciding is the first step, it was not enough.

I knew that I also had to believe. It is a prerequisite to experiencing God. You must believe that He is a God that keep His promises and gives you what you ask in Jesus’ name if you do not doubt (Mark 11:22). I knew I was in the space of believing when I could open and stretch my mind to seeing it as done. Yet, it still felt like there was another step.

Once I decided and believed, I then had to command and speak it. Once you decide and believe the evidence of your belief is that you move into action. Taking action and moving forward in faith then becomes easy. The level of action you take in alignment with God’s

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Word is the measure of your faith. Faith is not waiting in stillness for God. It is continuing to serve God as you move forward on His Word. Faith is boldly moving forward. There is no such thing as faith without action. In your process of activating the Kingdom of God within you, the Holy Spirit is the key.

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with God's Word is the measure of your  
faith.*

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## Hearing from the Holy Spirit

One Sunday evening as I was juggling all I have to do in my ministry as the preacher, trainer, minister, janitor, administrative assistant, marketer and promoter, I missed the deadline to promote an upcoming workshop in a local natural health magazine, *Natural Awakenings*. I had already turned off my laptop and was heading up to bed for the night.

Just as my right foot landed on the first step to head upstairs, God nudged me and instructed me to look in the pile on the corner of my desk. I turned around and

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began thumbing through the pile. As soon as my hand landed on the *Natural Awakenings*, something deep within my spirit felt like it clicked. I knew that this was what God had me looking for.

I opened up the magazine and saw that the deadline for submitting calendar events for the next month had passed by one day. I thought, “Maybe they aren’t working on the weekend and if I submit it tonight, they will still include it in the next issue.” I was right.

The next morning my telephone rang and it was the magazine’s editor in chief, Dee. The first thing she said to me after I answered was that she had been looking for a Christian who did this work. From that day forward, Dee and I formed an instant connection and she has whole-heartedly supported my work. That was more than a year ago.

As I was just beginning to share this deliverance work in a tele-conference, I was not aware that Dee was one of the callers on the line. It was a whole new level and realm of work for me and I kept saying, “You all must think I’m crazy and I’ve lost my mind” during the call.

Dee called in the next few days and we had a great discussion about the teachings I was sharing. She shared that the work was right on and that she could tell that people were so mesmerized during the call and that they

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knew in their spirits that it was not only the truth, but the insights they had been praying for.

Dee has a gift of being able to hear the Holy Spirit very clearly and concisely. As a matter of fact, God allowed her to have a non-stop ringing sound in her ear so she could get to a level of mastery in hearing His voice over anything else. One of the things Dee said during our conversation was that she hoped that I included a portion in my upcoming book (the one you are now holding in your hands!) that taught about the importance of being able to hear the Holy Spirit in this work. I replied, “Yes, like the Prego spaghetti commercial – it’s in there.” We both laughed.

I could not write a complete teaching on this work without including a section that deals with the critical importance of you being able to hear clearly from the Holy Spirit in order to move in deliverance. These teachings came directly from the Holy Spirit. As I asked God questions, I would receive answers and then I would inquire about where the corresponding scripture was in the Bible. Without fail, He always guided me to it. The teaching came directly from God and then He always showed me the scripture in His word to confirm His instruction.

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Prior to moving in this work, I thought that my primary gift was my ability to deliver transformative teaching as a speaker. Not so. One day last summer as I was standing in the shower, I was unabashedly seeking God on moving in the next realm of my gifting. As clearly as I heard each pellet of water stream from the shower head, I heard His voice say, “Speaking is not your primary gift.”

“What!?? Then what is my primary gift?” I asked.

“Your one true gift is hearing my voice. I gave you the gift of speaking and teaching so you can tell others what you hear.”

I was surprised by this. I asked, “But doesn’t everyone have the ability to hear directly from you?”

“Everyone has a measure, but then there are those with an extra measure and not everyone has that. You are one of the rare people who have an extra measure.”

It wasn’t until a half a year later as I was doing a deliverance session over the phone with an incredible child of God, Claire, that I heard God share His name for my gift. Claire was sharing how she had prayed and asked God for the gift of “having a heart that perpetually hears from Heaven.” He responded one day by telling her that He had granted her prayer and it is a rare gift that He

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rarely gives out and that He had given me the same gift. She was calling to tell me what He said to her.

Whether or not you are one of the rare children of God whom He has blessed with a heart that perpetually hears from Heaven, you must develop your ability to hear directly from God in order to move forward in His will for your life.

When I am doing the work of cleaning a heart and spirit, it is the Holy Spirit that literally shows me things from your past and allows me to feel what you feel. When I am doing a clearing of someone's heart, God has given me the ability to connect so deeply with you that I can literally see pieces of your life that God needs me to see from your childhood as if it were a slide show running on a blank, white wall in front of me.

I can immediately tell what someone needs or how they are feeling. And now I can feel which stronghold spirits you are dealing with and precisely how they manifest in your life. I still have a difficult time in large crowds because of the spiritual chatter of everyone's "stuff" can be quite distracting.

I have mastered being able to tune it out unless I am using the gifts to move in God's Kingdom. I think that is why I can be so focused now because I have had to learn how to have laser-beam focus on the task at-hand

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just so I don't feel like I am walking around overly sensitive and exposed.

When I am doing the work of cleaning hearts and spirits, the Holy Spirit also shows me images of how the unclean spirits are oriented and attached within a temple. God allows me to feel how the person I am working with feels. I know when we are in the process of "loosening up" an unclean spirit because I inevitably feel it within my own body. No matter what gifts you have, this is where the Holy Spirit needs you to be to move in deliverance.

There is a process that will strengthen your ability to hear directly from God. Jesus had to go to the Father so the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth could come and take up residence inside of you. You are the representation of Jesus in the earth. This gives you the ability to be instructed by God in all you do. Hearing from the Holy Spirit requires time and is by far, your most precious resource.

Creating a more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit begins with focused intention and giving more time to God. I'm sure you have heard before that it works just like a relationship in the natural – it takes spending quality time together on a daily basis and God will open your ears so you can hear Him clearly.

Here are the steps to clearing the way:

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1. Decide
2. Give God the first fruits of your time.
3. Begin by entering into His presence with scripture.

Praying for supplications, worshipping God, making intercessions for others and giving God thanks are all part of the order of prayer that follows the reading of scripture (1 Timothy 2:1). Once each of these activities are done, but you must add something to your spiritual routine. You must ask Him questions, meditate, and sit still long enough to hear God respond to you.

The key to this is sitting through two critical stages – what I call the task voice and “itchy-twitchies.”

4. Sit still long enough to listen.
5. Renew Your Mind around His Word and what He is instructing you.

## **The Power of Belief**

Let me share with you the story of how the Holy Spirit brought me the understanding of the power of belief. As I was lying in bed one morning last summer and asking God what He would have me focus on that day to

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move His vision forward. He replied, “Belief. You have to work on your belief.”

Now, you have to understand that at the time, I had been doing full-time ministry for more than seven years and had been on this path for nineteen years. Everyday of the last seven years of my life has been on faith, and for God to say that I had to work on my belief was hard to hear. My ego was screaming, “What?! What do you mean work on my belief?!”

I caught myself before my ego got out of control and submitted to His words. I knew that there was a whole new place that God wanted to take me. I had to be a teachable and willing student. God is infinite and as soon as you think you really have something down, He will come along and blow it to pieces to teach you a whole new dimension in Him. This is a life-time work.

I asked him, “Where should I begin?” He flashed before my mind’s eye the Excel spreadsheet I had just put together the day before of the financial forecast for the ministry. He said, “You wrote down the numbers but you do not believe me for them.” I had to stop and admit that it was true.

My mind was not renewed around believing God for the forecasted finances of the ministry. It took me about a day to let this sink into my spirit – it was time to

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go to a new level of belief in God. The next level of teaching came the next day. God knew that I needed a day to move this teaching from the knowledge level to the understanding level. I said out loud, “Tell me more, Lord. Tell me more Holy Spirit. Teach me. I am ready to learn. Teach me.”

He began to show me that there is a level of reality for which I did not believe Him. As my eyes were closed, He showed me the top of my head with a large, rubber band-like circle coming out from it. I knew that this circle represented my mind. Inside the circle were the images of my current belief. I was ashamed to see how little was inside of the circle. That day my rent was not even inside of the circle.

Outside of the circle were the images I had posted on my vision board. I saw everything from the arena full of people I will be preaching to one day to the iPod speaker system I desired outside of the circle. I was blown away to be shown a snapshot of my current belief. I *wanted* to believe God for the things outside of the circle but the truth was, I did not. I was not there yet. I had to stretch and wrap my mind around the very things I envisioned.

When I was at my Sunday training class at Zion Christian Training Center last week, in the midst of

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Apostle's deep teaching on becoming the true offspring of God, he said, "There is only one little word that is holding back the Body of Christ – unbelief." It is so true. The Body of Christ is stuck in a crisis of unbelief and it is causing us to miss God. You cannot move into faith until you first believe.

Before you go any further, stop and take a look at your current level of belief. When I say belief, be very clear that I do not mean hoping or wanting. They exist on the way to belief, but they are not belief.

Belief is being absolutely certain of something whether or not it can be seen with your natural eyes. Once you believe something, you will naturally take action on your belief. While believing opens the door, it will not get you there until you take action. Taking action on those things that are yet unseen is faith. Faith provides the seed of what God needs to manifest in your life. Without belief you will never have faith.

You know what the Word says, but what do you *really* believe?

- Do you believe God for your healing or do you think that sickness is just something you have to exist with?
- Do you believe God for that financial freedom or do you believe financial struggle is something you have to live with as a believer?

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- Do you believe that being someone who has dedicated their life to Christ means struggle and strife?
- Do you believe that dedicating your life to Christ means living your life more abundantly?
- Do you believe that you have the power, dominion, authority to cast devils out of people, be in the midst of darkness and not be overtaken, and lay hands on the sick and they will be healed? (Mark 16:17)

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You always get what you believe. You can always tell what you believe by taking an objective look at your life. Your current life is an amalgamation of your beliefs. Whatever you have believed up to this point in your life has manifested – nothing more; nothing less.

Your mind is the gateway to your belief and belief is the gateway to your blessings. Before you move on, stop, and take a good, honest look at the level of belief that you move in. Perhaps you are stuck and not growing in your faith because you don't believe God for the very things you are asking of Him. In order to believe, you have to have a renewed mind.

## **Renewing Your Mind**

The easiest way for me to share with you the process of renewing your mind is to share a response that I replied to an e-community member of mine. She emailed an “Ask Ericka” question asking me if there was a certain process for renewing her mind. I get this question often and I would like to share my response to Nikki with you.

*Nikki, yes, sound of his voice, the core process is similar for all of us. You will want to set aside time in the morning before you begin your day.*

*Find a special place for you - a chair, pillow, etc. Something other than the bed that is still in your bedroom and not the main part of the house as it provides too many distractions. I use a set of large pillows that I just keep on the floor in my bedroom.*

*I actually begin by writing out the scripture from the most recent sermon or Bible study I have attended in a notebook I keep for all of my sermon notes. This helps me get into the Word and make a transition.*

*I remain in the Word until I feel that “relief” that only the Word of God can provide. Once I have been in the Word, I then begin to renew my mind. I check in with my mind by asking*

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*the following questions: 1) Mind, how are you doing today? 2) What do I believe God for right now? 3) What am I willing to believe God for?*

*Then, I begin the process of praying. I begin my prayer by thanking God. I transition my prayer to confession and asking God for what I need and for the needs of others.*

*Once I am done praying, I sit still and focus on “stretching my mind” around what it is I am asking from God. In other words, I practice believing God for the things I have prayed for and have on my “to do” list and the things that are needed and desired for my vision to move forward.*

*I then spend as much time as I can just sitting there. If I have any questions to ask the Holy Spirit, I ask. If not, I just sit and ask God what He would have me work on today and to whom He would have me minister.*

*The key is to make the time to sit there until you get through the chattering voices in your head. I call this my “task voice.” Once you begin to allow those voices to chatter (the ones that will talk about your To Do List for the day, etc.) your body will begin to get uncomfortable. Your toe might itch, your back might bother you. Sit still through those distractions from your flesh (I call these the itchy-twitchies).*

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*On the other side of the distractions is the silence of the Holy Spirit - God's voice. It's unmistakable. You will know when you hear it.*

*Your process may be different from mine, but the point is to begin to find your process. However you need to get into your still space, allow it to unfold.*

*You will always want to be in the Word before you pray and pray before you meditate. The prayer is you speaking to God and meditation is God speaking back to you. The time may vary in how long it takes to get to the voice of the Holy Spirit, but it is there, waiting for you to find it. It may even take several days of walking through the steps, but it is there just waiting for you. I hope that helps...Love, Ericka*

The key is that you create the time in your daily routine (that is a book in and of itself) to ask and listen for answers from The Holy Spirit. I do this directly following my prayer time by moving into a quiet space of meditation (listening for God's direction and insight). If I don't clearly and concisely hear from God during my meditation time or if another question comes up that I need an answer to, I literally put myself on a talk fast or refrain from talking as long as possible until the answer I

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need comes. The key is that the Holy Spirit shows up its strongest in silence.

### **Step Into All Jesus Has For You**

Jesus is part divine and part human in nature. You may know the human aspect of the man named Jesus well and his teachings in the Bible. Yet, God is requiring of you to learn even more about the heavenly aspect of who Jesus is and what it affords you as a believer.

You can call on the name of Jesus and it causes everything to line up and come into submission to the power of your words (you must speak it out loud). Every circumstance, person, thought, blessing, vision, action and manifestation must come into alignment with who Jesus says you are and the power that has been granted to you. You can literally speak forth things that are not yet manifested into existence. This is how powerful you are.

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A great way to examine the amount of power currently in your life is to ask yourself whether or not every area of your life is a reflection of the glory of God. Through Jesus, you have the power to cause every aspect of your life to line up with who He says you are and what He says you have. When The Holy Spirit lives within you, you automatically long to line up with who God says you are.

I always love uncovering opportunities for improvement in my life. Making the necessary changes and adjustments certainly keeps me busy and focused forward. I invite you to do the same.

Take a good, objective look around your life right now. Ask yourself the following questions:

**What areas are in alignment with who you know yourself to be in Jesus?**

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**What areas are not in alignment with the power and presence of Jesus in your life?**

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Now that you have reminded yourself of where you are this very moment, you can begin to step into all you are in Jesus. During coaching sessions when clients are working to move from a limited space in their lives to becoming who they know they can be, they discover that there is a gap in their belief that they must work on closing in order to move them forward. Taking a closer look at your belief is necessary before you can move on.

## **The God of the Impossible**

Several months later God brought another level to this teaching. He told me one morning as I was renewing my mind, “It’s time to believe me for the impossible.” Whoa! He then said, “Impossible is not what you think it is. When I had the scriptures written, what I meant by impossible is different from what you think it is.”

Of course, I was sitting there saying, “Okay, Lord, tell me more.” He continued, “You think impossible means that it can’t be done. You think impossible means a dreamland fantasy like dreaming the ‘impossible’ dream (Just then, He put the melody to the song, *To Dream the Impossible Dream* in my head). That is not what I meant when I had that scripture written.” He then dropped the doozey on me and said, “Impossible is actually the area just outside of your belief. That is where I dwell.”

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He continued, “Your impossible changes everyday.” I was so glad I was sitting down because those

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words blew me away. Did you know that your impossible changes everyday? Let me prove it to you.

Depending on how renewed your mind is, you can wake up on a Monday morning and feel like you can do anything. You can take a look at an item on your 'to-do' list and say, "I can do this!" Yet, there are still things on that list just outside of what you feel capable of doing or know how to do – that is *your* impossible.

One day your impossible may be getting through all of the items on your 'to-do' list and still getting to bed on time. Yet, you cannot see your way through it, it feels impossible to you. Then, the next day your impossible may be getting through a large presentation or getting the capitalization that your ministry or business needs to move forward. Perhaps it feels impossible for your ministry to fully financially support you and your family.

As the Holy Spirit was "downloading" this into me, He began to show me some of my "impossibles." While I had listed them as goals, once I began to understand what the Holy Spirit was telling me, I understood that those goals still felt impossible for me. He then brought to my remembrance the scripture Matthew 19:26, "*And Jesus looked at them and said, 'With men this is impossible but with God all things are possible.'*"

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He continued to share that my impossible is different from someone else's impossible. I could literally feel the shackles of limitation coming off of my mind. I began to internalize for the first time in my life that God is a God of the impossible.

He began to breath into me that if there was a realm called, "impossible," than the opposite exists. I began to understand that there are two different realms, one called 'the possible' and one called 'the impossible'. It is up to you to determine which realm you live in.

It took about a day for my spirit to fully absorb these new teachings. I then cleared out an entire day just for God and asked Him, "God what would you have me do today?" I ended up driving by a bookstore here in Raleigh called *Stevens Bookstore*, which is an incredible theological bookstore to which my friend, Dee, introduced me. It is a bookstore with half of a million books in this huge warehouse (with no air conditioning, I might add). God sent me there that day, but I did not know what I was looking for.

I began walking up and down the many aisles full of boxes and piles of books. I knew that God sent me there for a specific purpose. There were boxes with books on top of the boxes in every aisle of the store. I truly needed God's guidance on what He had me there to find.

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I remember thinking, “Father God, where would you have me begin?” He asked me, “What do you want to learn?” I told Him that I wanted to learn about Him as the God of the impossible. I wondered if anyone had done a study and written about Him being the God of the impossible. I began to browse the shelves and look for books with the Word ‘impossible’ in the title. I was actually dumb-founded at just how few there were.

As I was standing there with my purse over my shoulder, I asked the Holy Spirit to show me what He wanted me to have. Then, something happened that surprised me.

With no contact whatsoever, a pile of books fell over behind me. I didn’t even tap the pile with my hip or purse yet six or seven books just fell off of the top of the pile onto the floor (and I might add that they moved with some force behind them). I stood there looking down both sides of the aisle thinking, “Now, I know I did not touch these books.” I knew that God was trying to tell me something.

I looked down at the book that had been uncovered when the others fell over. There was an old, tattered book entitled, *The War on The Saints*. The top page of the book was a dingy shade of cream and did not even have a cover with the name of its author.

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The Holy Spirit said, “Get that book.” He had already prompted me to pick up another book and I asked, “Can I go now?” He replied, “You can go to check out.” As I was standing at the gray laminate check out counter, I spotted another book on the hold shelf behind the cash register. I knew in my spirit that this was the book that God intended me to purchase. It was another book on spiritual warfare. I knew I had everything I needed and checked out. When I got home, I sat my pile of books in the chair near my front door and headed out that evening.

The next day I got to the first book in my pile, it was the tattered and worn book. I opened the book and my eyes immediately read the words, “Satan’s Ground.” I knew God was doing something that moment. I asked Him, “What does that mean? What is Satan’s ground?”

He brought the teachings of the realm of the impossible and the possible to my remembrance. He continued to tell me that Satan’s ground, then, is the realm of the possible. God gave Satan authority over the realm of the possible. Stay with me on this one...I need you to get this.

I knew then that if there was such a thing as Satan’s ground, then there had to be the opposite -or “non-Satan’s” ground. I allowed this new revelation to

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seep into my spirit and continued to inquire for more. I said to myself, “Wait a minute – if there is Satan’s ground, then there has got to be Holy ground. There’s got to be a place that Satan does not have access.”

He told me that there is a realm to which Satan has no access. He told me that it is what I had been calling, the realm of the impossible. The realm of the impossible is where God functions. Satan has no jurisdiction in the realm of the impossible.

If God created all things, then He allows the presence of Satan. That means that He must have created boundaries or territory for Satan. That led me to understand that there exists a space in which you can live where Satan cannot touch you – Holy Ground. I was hungry for more.

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## You Are Holy Ground

My next question to God was, “How do I know what is possible ground or Satan’s ground and how to I know what is impossible ground or Holy ground?”

God shared with me how to you know when you are walking in the realm of the possible. The realm of the possible is where ego or self lives. When you are in the realm of possible, you say things like “I, my, mine...” My business. My ministry. My husband. My church. My pastor. My car. My house. My money. Anytime you allow ego into it, you will experience opposition, challenges and hindrances because Satan operates through your ego, flesh, and the things of this world.

The evidence that you are operating in the realm of the possible in any area of your life is lack, strife, stress, struggle, or challenges that seem beyond the norm. When you act as though that possession, position, church, job, or relationship is yours, you have to figure everything out with your own mind. It means that it is not fully

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dedicated to God and is still open to attack from the enemy.

When you think you can do it, you are in the realm of possible. You think it is about your know-how and that your hard work will get you through. No, no, no. The Truth is that you can do little to nothing operating in your own power

When you dedicated your life to the Lord, your life and everything in it became God's. You began the process of dying to self. Nothing belongs to you anymore. You have nothing. You are nothing without Christ.

You know you are in the realm of possible when God blesses you with an idea and you say, "Thank you for blessing me with this idea God. Now I know what to do and I can make it happen." And you try to take it from there. Without fail you begin to experience lack, strife, struggle, back-biting and suffering.

All too often believers witness this dynamic in the area of money and finances because too many of us believe that the money is ours. That is why it can be so difficult to let go of our money in tithes and offerings. We have a hard time letting it go and believing God is going to multiply it. It is not yours, it is only on loan. God blessed you with every penny in your wallet right now, every picture on your wall, every toe on your foot, every

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child that you have, every client, every car, everything you have. Everything you have belongs to God.

As long as you have neglected to dedicate it as Holy Ground, you are walking in the realm of possible where Satan and his evil and unclean spirits have access to your life, even as a believer. The problem is that you may not have dedicated it as Holy Ground – or that which belongs entirely to God.

While I was clear that blessings came from God, I was thinking and acting as though once God blessed me with something, it was mine to take from there. I thought that is what managing the things of God meant. Not so. When God brought that revelation to me, I felt like the wind had been knocked out of me.

I immediately began confessing, “Lord God, I confess that I thought this was mine. I thought you gave these gifts, talents, blessings and things to me. I thought this was *my* money and *my* ministry.”

The next question I then asked was, “God, then how do I move something from Satan’s ground (the realm of possible) to Holy Ground (the realm of the impossible)?” He showed me the image of a family bringing their child to the Lord for a christening or a baby dedication at a church.

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That father and mother hold that baby up to God and say, “God we give this child to you. We know that you have blessed us with its care, but we know that this child belongs to you. We call forth a hedge of protection and abundance on this life. We dedicate our child to you.” That child becomes Holy Ground.

Take a look at every area of your life, especially where there is strife, struggle, anxiety, worry, doubt, sickness, lack, or anything that is not of God. Any of those things that are not from God are of Satan, and they can only exist on Satan’s ground. You must go through dedicating every belonging and every aspect of your life back to God and declaring it as Holy Ground. I included the prayer God spoke through me that day at the end of this chapter so you can go through your own Holy Ground dedication.

## **Developing Your Impossible Faith**

Do you know how powerful you are? You have the authority to speak to anything and any spirit and it must obey. Walking in this space of who you really are means living in the realm of the impossible. You serve a God of miracles, signs and wonders just as powerful today as they were when the scriptures were written. Actually, Jesus

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himself said that you should do greater things than even He did (John 5:20).

How do you begin to tap into God of the impossible and leave behind any experience of God as a just-getting-by God? To serve a God of the impossible, you have to first understand the three levels of education in God and let it take root in your spirit and life.

There are three levels of education that the Holy Spirit shared with me. They are levels of knowledge, understanding, and evidence.

**The Knowledge Level.** You are at this level when you know, remember, and have memorized certain scriptures. At this first level – the knowledge level – another person can teach you. You can be sitting under a pastor, apostle, take a class, read a book or self-study, listen to sermons, and attend conferences to accumulate more knowledge and information. This is the level a majority of the Body of Christ is living in right now. God has two more levels that He requires of you.

**The Understanding Level.** The second level of education is called *understanding*. Understanding is the level where your knowledge begins to get inside of your spirit and the Word takes root in your heart. You no longer have to rely on your mind to remember what the scripture says because it now lives in your heart.

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You can know something at the understanding level of education and still not understand it in your spirit. This level ushers you from your old self to your new self. This is where you become anew. The old things are passing away and you are becoming a new creature. Your cravings and desires change. The people you hang around change. The things you are willing to accept and the way you allow people to speak to you changes and you deeply desire the things of Jesus.

You know someone is at the level of understanding when you look at them and think, “Brother Jimmy is different. He is not the same person that I knew three years ago.” You know it by the way he walks, talks, and his very presence because he is now walking in Christ and no longer in the world. That is how you know you have moved into the level of understanding in your Godly education. Once you move to understanding, there is a whole new level that God desires to take you to and from which you have to learn to live your life. It is the level of evidence.

**The Evidence Level.** When you begin to study and learn in a particular area of learning, until you demonstrate your effectiveness in that area, you are not fully educated. You have not fully manifested anything. You are not doing anything with your understanding yet.

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Until you begin to demonstrate evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in all walks of your life, you are not fully educated in the things of God. It doesn't matter how much scripture you have memorized. The only thing that matters is how much scripture you are manifesting.

You are in the evidence level when someone looks at your life, they know that you are an ambassador for Jesus. They will want to meet your God because of the amazing results or fruit you produce in the realm of the impossible. In order to move from understanding to evidence, you must practice it as a part of your daily life.

How do you begin to practice moving in the realm of impossible? By commanding your mind, body and spirit to line up with the Word of God, then applying the power of God that you have in your tongue to speak things from nothingness into existence.

Devin, a brother of mine in Christ, captured it well when he once said to me, "You know it is God's vision when it seems so big that you cannot hold it in your hands and you say, 'God, are you sure you chose me for this?' You know because it is so big that only God can do it." If you could do it yourself, it would have been done. If it was possible you would not need God. When

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### **Defining Your Impossible**

In order for God to do the impossible for you, you must be very clear about what impossible looks like. Remember, your impossible is just outside of what you believe God for today – right now.

Maybe right now your impossible is having the resources you need today to pay your bills. Here is the catcher – the Holy Spirit instructed me that I was to write down what my impossible was every single day. Once I wrote it down, I was to stretch my mind to believe it and go to the scripture, Luke 18:27, “But he said the things that which are impossible with men are possible with God,” and Luke 1:37, where it says, “For with God nothing will be impossible.”

You must understand how to open up the impossible to your belief system. You may have been

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calling on a prince of the possible or of the world, which is Satan. Jesus requires you to persist until you learn this. He “sits” back and observes until you realize that it is impossible for you. Command the daily presence of God to do the impossible in your life.

You must declare it out loud:

*“Father God, in the name of Jesus, I believe you for the impossible today. Your Word says that with you, nothing is impossible. God, I call on you to do the impossible for me today so I can further your vision and touch the lives you have ordained me to touch. This is what your Word says that you will do. I believe in signs and wonders and stand on your Word. Lord, I ask you to do the impossible today. This is what impossible looks like for me today:” [list the specifics of your impossible for the day.]*

Do you know what you call it when God moves in the realm of the impossible? A miracle, sign or wonder. Are you ready for a life that is full of signs and wonders every day? Are you expecting God to show up mightily today? Right now? You serve a God of right now, so you have to stay in the present. God is a right now God.

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That is where God wants to take you. Your signs and wonders will be different than mine because your impossible is different than my impossible. What does your impossible look like today?

- Does your impossible look like getting three more sales for your business?
- Does your impossible look like truly staying present and having a peaceful day today?
- Does your impossible look like having more than enough financially?
- Does your impossible look like your spouse demonstrating his or her love for you in the way you need to see it?
- Does your impossible look like eating right for the temple God lent you as a body? What does your impossible look like today?

Here is the key – you have to write it down.

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Everyday. I have a catch-all notebook in which I keep everything, from grocery lists, to messages, to my 'to-do' lists. I keep it with me at all times so I always have what I need. This is where I keep my daily impossible list. He has done multiple signs and wonders since He showed me this revelation and process.

- Are you willing to believe God to show up as a God of the impossible for you?
- Will you allow God to be God?
- Will you allow Him to do what He does? He does the impossible, period. If it is less than impossible, He does not show up.

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Until the day God uncovered this teaching, I believed that impossible meant that something could not be done. The Greek word for impossible is “adunatēō,” it says “not to have strength, power or ability, to be weak; or cannot be done.” Until today, perhaps that is what you believed.

Impossible actually means just the opposite. It means that it can be done with God. What is impossible with man is possible with God. For with God nothing will be impossible.

Here is the amazing thing about walking this process out. Once you make your list of your daily impossible, you don't even have to believe God for the individual things. I lay hands on my impossible list and say:

*“Father, this feels impossible for me today and  
I know this is where you move and what you*

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*do. Father, in the name of Jesus, I stand on your Word and I line my mind up with the truth that tells me with man it is impossible but with God all things are possible. Lord, today I know for you this list is possible. God, do what you do. Father, in the name of Jesus, bring these things forth today in the name of Jesus.”*

You will begin to experience mighty and amazing signs and wonders when you incorporate this process into your life. It requires going through the specific process of being ushered into the realm of the impossible daily.

## **A PRAYER FOR YOU**

Here is a prayer that I said in my process of rededicating every aspect of my life to God as Holy Ground. I'll use a prayer to rededicate your finances to God as an example, but you should go through every area of your life and do this same process, no matter what it is.

*Father, in the name of Jesus, I just confess in the name of Jesus and ask your forgiveness because I thought this area of my life was mine. I thought the money (or fill in whatever you are dedicating) was mine, Lord. I knew that it was from you, but I forgot that it is yours and that I am just the administrator. So, Lord God, I humbly ask your forgiveness today and I confess that I was wrong. Today, I repent and I renounce those thoughts and behaviors.*

*Lord, I thank you for every penny and every ounce of prosperity, every dollar and every bit of wealth, health, joy and life that I experience. I know it all comes from you, God, but I forgot that it is yours. Today, Lord, I dedicate my finances and every aspect of my life back to you. I dedicate them to you as Holy Ground.*

*In the name of Jesus, Satan, you no longer have jurisdiction or access to these finances because they are 100% God's. They belong to God. They are Holy Ground. Right now, in the name of Jesus, anything that is not in the image and likeness of God is commanded to leave right now. Spirit of Bondage that has manifested in poverty, you are cast out right*

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*now in Jesus' name. Lack, you are cast out in the name of Jesus. Struggle, you are now cast out in the name of Jesus. You are to never return to my life or anyone in my life in any way, form or fashion in the name of Jesus.*

*Father God, in the name of Jesus, from this day forward, I leave behind the realm of possible and now walk in the realm of the impossible with all of your might, power, glory and magnificence.*

*I honor you with the finances that you have blessed me with. I will be most careful to ask you how you would have me spend your money. And, Lord God, most of all, I promise to humbly and gratefully, and most carefully give you all the praise and all the glory. I know, Lord, that it is not mine, it is yours. All this I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Go through every area of your life and speak this prayer over it. And I do mean everything, from your wardrobe to your child. Your car and anything else in your body or that comes in contact with your body as you move through your day. Remember to dedicate your mind, ideas, thoughts, friends, business or ministry, church, blankets, furnishings, dishes, office supplies, computer – I mean everything and anything you use to live from and touch the lives of others with – to God.

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