

The Power of Your Words Series
“Confronting the Impossible”
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Note: Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

Sometimes we plan to confront the impossible. – The men who decided to end slavery.

Sometimes the impossible confronts us. Loss of a loved one – death or divorce - loss of income - loss of a child to drugs or alcohol – a medical challenge – or a financial debt to pay off.

Sometimes God asks us to confront the impossible.

Ex 8:20-21 “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the water and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.’”

Confrontation doesn’t come easily – but it is necessary for success in life and business.

David stopped fighting for his nation, his people.

2 Samuel 11:1 “In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.” (Emphasis added.)

- Every winter Israel would decide what to war for in the spring time.
- The spring was the time to exercise your purpose as a nation and as a person.
- David lost his vision and will to fight for his future and therefore stayed in Jerusalem.
- We are kings and priests before God.
- Men and women should not lose their vision of what they are fighting for.
 - Press into your future, and confront the impossible.
 - Jesus was entering Jerusalem in triumph, but he knew the cross was coming.

Life is a battle or a war – so what are you willing to war for?

1. Grandpa Gaudino born 1894 – poverty in Europe
2. Rwandan friend’s nephew – left for dead – Age 7?
3. Will you go to war? Chinese arm band – Stop the enemy – protect the homeland .
4. Share my current situation.
 - a. John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
 - b. I learned a rare disease was affecting Baby boomers – mitochondrial dysfunction
 - i. Formerly, a rare childhood disease – kills children very young
 - ii. Not well studied – like Lou Gehrig disease but different reasons
 1. Weak muscles, shortness of breath, weak legs, falling – garage & stairs
 - iii. Dr. Miloni = Good bye and good luck – no cure in sight for 10 – 15 years

- iv. Belief is that antibiotics killed mitochondria – for me 8 years.
- c. Mitochondria keep you healthy – exercise increases mitochondria.
 - i. Natural decay in aging – Premature aging – Advanced aging (High achiever)
- d. What should I do? We don't know. I was supposed to die in 2013.

What not to do?

1. Don't Fear – opposite of Faith
2. Don't Doubt – opposite of Hope
3. Don't fall into Unbelief = the opposite of Love – rejection of God

What you do really matters – Time is running out!

1. Life is short – Press into the Word of God every day – Believe in Miracles.
 Proverbs 18:14 "A man's spirit sustains him in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?"
2. Hold onto Faith, Hope, and Love – Hold onto God.
 "Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling" Job 7:1 (KJV).
 "When he heard this, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it'" John 11:4 (NIV) (Emphasis added).
3. Don't waste time - No Complaining – No moaning and groaning – Life is short.
4. Enjoy every day – Smile more, Laugh more.
 Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
5. Be wise – Developed a Transition of Family Leadership book
6. Pray hard and often. We prayed for answers, and many of you have prayed for me.
 Luke 22:42-46. "'Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.' An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. 'Why are you sleeping?' he asked them. 'Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.'"
7. Don't ever give up – There are more miracles to come.
 Matthew 16:18-19. "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
 2 Corinthians 12:9 "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

Don't ever give up – keep working, praying, teaching, loving, and encouraging others.

Matthew 19:26 "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'" (Emphasis added.)

Continue to Pray for me, my family, and Dr. Cavallo – The Battle isn't over.

- Pray I can fulfill my calling for my generation. (You have a calling)
 - Acts 13:36 "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed."

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" 1 John 4:4 (NKJV) (Emphasis added).

- The kangaroo – Awkward – but why the symbol of Australia.
 - Capt. James Clark recorded the Aboriginal word kangaroo meaning "I don't know"
 - They can't go backwards – only in circles.
 - They travel in troops and fight for each other – family oriented = unity.

What do you war for individually? Why?

What do you war for in business? Why?

What do you war for to improve your family? Why?

What do you war for as a member of River of Life? Why?

- We have a church full of resources to help others move forward.

Stop your complaining

The Galatian church was not getting along. They acted like the world.

Galatians 5:14-15 "You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other." (Emphasis added.)

Galatians 5:25-26 "The Galatians were proud and conceited, so they provoked each other. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other." (Emphasis added.)

(Provoke = Irritate in the Greek)

This is a command by Jesus, not a suggestion.

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

(Emphasis added.)

Stop Complaining. Believe in Miracles.

Love more, hug more, encourage others more,

Smile more, worship more, and pray more.

Enjoy every day, and make others smile.

Go deeper with God every day.

Jesus conquered the Cross and will help you with all things.