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Men's Breakfast

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## Opening Comments

- Today we continue a series that comes from the theme from the retreat: **FEARLESS FAITH – Experiencing God every day!!**
- The Men's Life Groups are going through the book Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby – Knowing and doing the will of God
- We come to know God's will by getting to know God better
- Our goal through this series of messages is to help you to know God better so that you can do His will, and do it fearlessly
- Today I would like to focus on the 'doing' part
- Let's pray and ask the Holy Spirit to do something radical in our hearts
- **Pray**

## Teaching

- The title of this morning's message is **God is Mighty!**
- One of God's attributes is omnipotence
- The English word 'omnipotent' only occurs once in the Bible

## Revelation 19:6

And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

- The Greek word is translated 9 other times as 'Almighty'
- The word 'Almighty' occurs 48 times in the Old Testament – interestingly, 31 times in the book of Job
- The book that describes a man in a desperate place in his life repeatedly addresses God as Almighty
- What does it mean that God is Almighty or omnipotent?
- A definition of omnipotence is:  
**God is able to do all His holy will!**
- Basically, God is able to do anything He chooses to do
- There is no limit, except the limits of His nature – God cannot do anything that would contradict His nature
- God asked Jeremiah a rhetorical question **Jeremiah 32:26-27**

Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, <sup>27</sup> “Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?”

- The obvious answer is ‘No!’
- Turn to **Matthew 19**
- There is nothing that is too hard for God
- But there are things that are too hard for us, right?
- I’m guessing that many of you have faced things that are too hard for you
- Maybe you are dealing with one right now
- In Matthew 19, Jesus has a conversation with ‘rich young ruler’
- After, He said to His disciples
- **Matthew 19:23-24**
- This confused the disciples
- **Matthew 19:25**
- The common assumption was wealth, position, and power were all evidence of God’s pleasure and favor
- If they can’t get to heaven, who can
- **Matthew 19:26**
- In fact, it is impossible for anyone to get to heaven
- There is nothing that anyone can do to get to heaven
- Salvation is impossible – ‘but with God all things are possible’
- God made salvation possible for all humanity when He sent Jesus to die for our sins
- The Bible is filled with examples of people facing impossible situations and God doing the impossible for them
- A definition of omnipotence is:  
**God is able to do all His holy will!**
- Whatever God wills to do, He does
- And he is not limited to our understanding of reality to do it
- Turn to **Joshua 10**
- The better we know God, especially through His Word, the more we will realize that there are no limits with God
- Here in Joshua 10, God is directing the Israelites as they move into the Promised Land
- A group of Amorite kings attacks Israel

- **Joshua 10:7-8**
- God's will was that Joshua completely destroy the Amorites and drive them from the land
- **Joshua 10:9-11**
- Because it was God's will – God helped Joshua do what He had told him to do
- But then, it appears that Joshua looked and saw the sun getting low on the horizon, and believed that he wasn't going to be able to complete God's will – and so, Joshua asked for the impossible
- **Joshua 10:12-14**
- I want faith like Joshua's – to believe God for the impossible – for the inconceivable
- Both the Old and New Testaments include examples of God doing the impossible
- The ten plagues of Egypt – the parting of the Red Sea – water from a rock – food from heaven – healings – demons cast out – even the dead being raised
- With man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible
- Turn to **Philippians 4**
- Most men aren't facing what Joshua or Moses were facing
- Very often, our impossible things are much more mundane than that
- The problem is that these mundane things are just as impossible as the things Joshua was facing
- The apostle Paul was not unfamiliar with the impossible
- When he wrote the letter to the Philippians he was sitting in a Roman prison, and his future was a little unclear – would he be released or beheaded?
- But as you read this letter, you might not sense just how impossible the situation is
- **Philippians 4:4-5**
- That doesn't sound like the language of a desperate man
- **Philippians 4:6-9**

- How is that Paul could sit in the Roman prison facing an uncertain future and not be freaking out about it? What does he know that we need to know?

- Simply, Paul knows that God is mighty

- In the next few verses, Paul tells us that this was something he learned

- **Philippians 4:10-13**

- Paul learned through his mundane physical needs that God is mighty

- He learned how to be content through the times in his life when he had needs that he couldn't meet that God is able

- He learned that God was able during the times when he wasn't able

- The same is truer for each of us

- You will learn that God is able during those times when you are not

- In those times when you are able to deal with your issues, you will – you won't need God and you probably won't turn to Him

- God is mighty! He is sovereignly omnipotent! He is able to do all His holy will!

- Three things to do when facing the impossible things of life

- First – **Tell Yourself**

- Acknowledge to yourself that it is too hard for you

- Be honest with yourself – some things are just too hard for you

- Second – **Tell God**

- You have to tell God that you realize that your situation is impossible

- **1 Peter 5:6-7**

**Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.**

- Tell God what is going on in your life and heart

- He already knows about those things, but by telling God you are confessing your need for Him

- Third – **Ask God**

- Too often we go to God and ask Him for what we want without first humbling ourselves before Him

- Confess your need for Him and then ask Him to act on your behalf

- But, be careful, don't tell God what to do, just ask Him to do something

- In Luke 9 Jesus is teaching the multitudes – getting late – no place for them to get food
- The disciples come to Jesus and ‘tell’ Him to send the people away
- Jesus says, ‘You feed them.’ They say, ‘Impossible!’
- And then Jesus did the impossible by the omnipotent power of God
- Let God be God, let Him decide how to solve your impossible situation
- Ask God to tell you what you should do
- Ask Him what lessons He is trying to teach you through the circumstance
- Tell yourself that you need God
- Tell God that you need Him
- Ask Him to act on your behalf
- God is mighty, and He wants to be mighty for you **2 Chronicles 16:9**  
**For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.**
- What I am discovering more and more in my own life is that God is not just mighty in the impossible areas of my life
- God is always mighty, and He can be mighty in the everyday mundane areas of my life
- He can be mighty in my relationships, in my thought life, in my temptations, in my desires, in my struggles with the little things of life
- God is mighty, but he will usually not impose Himself upon us
- If you want God to be mighty on your behalf:
- Tell yourself that you need Him
- Tell Him that you need Him
- Ask Him to do something
- And then you trust Him to act **Ephesians 3:20-21**  
**Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,<sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**
- **Prayer**