

**“All Things Are Possible”
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PROP: “We live from Heaven’s perspective, knowing that with God all things are possible!” [We are being released into the culture as messengers of hope]

1. HERE’S WHAT GOD DOES IN US

SEE Matthew 19:23-26 (The Message)

NOTE: He brings us to the end of self-reliance—into the place where we are totally dependent on Him.

a. **He offers us His quality of faith**

(Lit) “Have the faith OF God” (Mark 11:22)

b. **We connect with Him**

(Luke 1:26-38)

“I am the Lord’s bond-servant”—bound to You, not to my understanding

c. **He goes to work in us**

(NOTE: The brink of the impossible is the verge of a miracle)

- Numbers 13:30- Caleb: “*Enabled to be able to overcome!*”
- Romans 4:20-21- Abraham “against all hope, believed in hope”
 - (v. 20) “was strengthened in his faith”- *endued with strength; empowered to respond in faith*
 - (v. 21) “fully persuaded”- *completely convinced (NOTE: Both of these verbs are in the passive voice—done TO him by God)*

SO...Hebrews 12:3- “Fix your eyes (*your gaze & your expectancy*) on Jesus”

“Author”—*pioneer you into a new realm/territory*

“Finisher”—*completely acclimate you to His perspective of life*

(Living in the faith He is worthy of)

2. HERE’S WHAT WE GET TO DO WITH HIM

SEE Philippians 2:12-13

(v. 13)- “work out”- *achieve results; exercise your faith*

Our GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: an ATMOSPHERE OF AWE
(Acts 2:47- “continued sense of awe”)

We **CHOOSE WHICH REALM** will be **MOST REAL TO US!**
(Ps. 34:4- "I sought the Lord...He delivered me from all my fears")

Isaiah 61:3-

"spirit of despair"—"spirit"- *continually breathes into us*; "despair"- *dim; gloomy; hopeless; despondent; desensitized*

"garment of praise"—"garment"- *envelopes and shields us from outside interference*; "praise"- *makes clear; causes to shine; results in raving/celebrating (i.e., A TENT FILLED WITH HIS GLORY)*

a. **BELIEVE HIM**

Hebrews 11:6- "Believe that He is and that He is the rewarder of those who seek Him."

NOTE: The object of our faith is not the reward—it's the Rewarder! Long before we receive the promise—we have Him!!!

b. **EXPRESS OUR TRUST IN HIM**

(Romans 10:9,10)- "Heart...believe...mouth...confess"

Audible- Psalm 103:1- "Praise continually in my mouth" (shout, sing, clap, twirl)

Contemplative- Be still & know; set our hearts at rest in His presence

RESPONSE:

- The whole world was created in atmosphere of praise (Job 38:2-7)
- Romans 8:19- That's why all creation longs for the emerging company who trusts, believes, hopes and rejoices in the atmosphere of His presence.
- Though He is everywhere—He makes Himself "at home" in the "praises of His people" (Psalm 22:3)