

LBC- Bind the Strong Man

Jeremiah 31:10-11

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare in the coastlands afar off,
And say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him And keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock."

¹¹ For the Lord has ransomed Jacob And redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he.

God makes us face a very hard reality: our enemy is stronger than we are.

For reasons often unknown to us, has been also able to harm and carry away lives we hold dear.

2 Timothy 2:25-26

²⁵ with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, ²⁶ and they may come to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Something deep down inside of us tells us that it is not right, and we should not accept it.

Jeremiah 32:27

²⁷ "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?"

Ezekiel 33:11

¹¹ Say to them, 'As I live!' declares the Lord God, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways! Why then will you die, O house of Israel?'

Isaiah 49:22-26

²² Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations And set up My standard to the peoples; And they will bring your sons in *their* bosom, And your daughters will be carried on *their* shoulders.

²³ "Kings will be your guardians, And their princesses your nurses. They will bow down to you with their faces to the earth And lick the dust of your feet; And *you* will know that I am the Lord;
Those who hopefully wait for Me will not be put to shame.

²⁴ "Can the prey be taken from the mighty man, Or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?"

The answer to this rhetorical question is, 'no!' The thing you are saying WILL HAPPEN actually CANNOT HAPPEN!

According to ordinary means, by the common calculations of regular people, on your average day, it is impossible.

²⁵ Surely, thus says the Lord,
"Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away,
And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued;
For I will contend with the one who contends with you,
And I will save your sons.

²⁶ "I will feed your oppressors with their own flesh,
And they will become drunk with their own blood as with sweet wine;
And all flesh will know that I, the Lord, am your Savior
And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

God says, "You were calculating without me! Nothing is impossible for Me!"

If God has spoken concerning a matter, then there is a definite PROBABILITY it will be done.

Luke 11:14-23

¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." ¹⁶ Others, to test *Him*, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But He knew their thoughts and said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house *divided* against itself falls. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong *man*, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. ²² But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder. ²³ He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

Jeremiah 20:11

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a dread champion; Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will be utterly ashamed, because they have failed, With an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

Those not gathering to the conqueror are His enemies, and will flee in terror at the display of His power!

What are you asking God for right now that seems impossible?

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Acts 2:39

³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

Commission:

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"