[IMPOSSIBLE? What’s IMPOSSIBLE?](http://gulledge-gulledge.blogspot.com/2008/05/impossible-what-is-impossible.html)

Today was an amazing day for me. On the drive to church the Lord began to stir some old

dreams of mine. Even before I had arrived, He had already outlined for me three or four scenario

specifically how some of these could be realized.

Once at church I quickly connected with a brother who sings in the choir with me and quickly

unloaded some of these ideas on him. Mike, having a creative bent himself, was immediately

able to give me some valuable feedback and encouragement. As we sung and worshiped I could

feel the Lord building confidence and vision to pursue a few of these new directions.

Just as Pastor was ending his message on the two things kept the Israelites out of the Promise

Land, it was as if God were speaking again right to me. He stated that Unbelief (lack of faith)

and Complaining were the only two factors that keep God’s people in a wilderness mentality.

To live is the wilderness could be likened to a wasteland or desert where growth is unable to take

place. If the Lord had used a two by four and whopped it against my head I don’t think He could

have made it any clearer. IT’S TIME TO STOP COMPLAINING AND BELIEVE!

As we sang the concluding chorus I could feel a new kind of faith bubbling from within.

Assured that I had gotten His message, I ducked into my regular Sunday School class on 1 Peter.

As our beloved instructor flowed in her superb gift as a heavily anointed teacher, she emphasized

that as long as Jesus is alive there is hope. And as she said, He ain’t going anywhere! We are

tempted she said to think of our faith as a small thing but Jesus tells us that our faith is a precious

thing to Him. She further noted that although our faith can sometimes be fragile and fickle God

was not going to do anything to diminish it.

I was reminded again that before Peter denied Jesus we are told that Jesus had prayed for Peter.

We get confused. We think our faith has to be strong. It doesn’t. It has to be genuine. We have to

pray for a faith that will endure a test of time. That’s why we have to choose our battles

carefully. We can’t let the stupid little offenses by other Christians tear at and destroy our faith.

Our Teacher then took us back thinking about the Old Testament Prophets. They had to record

exactly what God was giving them but they had no idea what they were writing about. They had

no frame of reference. We just take it for granted that we can go look things up because we have

THE WORD and books and records to check all this out. They had nothing because the Bible

hadn’t been written yet. They had to trust that what they were recording was truly from God.

Often people put Peter down as someone who was always getting himself in trouble with Jesus

but Jesus loved Peter enough to pray specifically for him even when he know Peter would fail.

That’s why even if we have been bringing the same thing to God for the last 20 years and are

afraid to pick it up again, we have to. Even if we are afraid we have to believe again.

I have certainly had a number of years in my life when I felt God’s voice was silent. It was as if

God had nothing more to say about the subject that I kept diligently bringing to him

continuously. Perhaps the only reason he remains quiet is because what we are asking for is too

simple! He wants us to trust Him to do the impossible. In Ephesians 3:20 we are promised that

He is ale to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at

work within us! Jesus wants for us to believe again!

There I was. Right back to what Pastor had just shared just a few minutes earlier. I had to get

rid of unbelief by choosing to believe and stop complaining. If I truly want to be done with

wasteland desert living, I have to daily lay aside all my hesitation, indecision, and self doubt. If

I’m going to grow and achieve anything in this life unbelief and reservations have to go. Paul

puts it this way in Philippians 3:12 : “ Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already

been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”

Each of us have been given some impossible things to do for God and the only way we can

accomplish these is to stay properly hooked up to Jesus. A dream can take many forms. Maybe

for you your dream is to see your children keep their faith and grow up to be spiritually healthy

adult Christians. For others your dream may be to guard your speech, or stop lying, or end

laziness. A few people may feel called to start a new business, get a degree, or teach a class. No

matter what the dream or desire it has to culminate in achievable goals that can only be met with

faith and hard work. I love how the New King James version of the Bible translates Ecclesiastes

5:3: “ For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool’s voice *is known* by *his* many

words.” See we can’t just talk about it our dreams. Belief has be in the center of our activities

and actions. The Amplified Bible actually says that the dream comes with “much business and

painful effort!”

Finally, as you pursue whatever dream or plan you feel God has for your life always remember

2 Corinthians 5:7, “that our walk is by faith and not by sight.” Many times you will want to quit

and give up but you have to choose to believe again. Ditch doubt once and for all because Jame

1:6, tells us that, “When we ask, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a

wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.” Strain for the goal and believe again!