



ONE CHURCH: TWO LOCATIONS

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HOPE CHANGES EVERYTHING SUMMER SERIES

Today's Message: Factor #2 Raising Hope: Raise Your Expectations/Refocus on the Future

Here is something I have come to believe:

"Where there is no faith in the future, there is no power in the present!"

Matthew 19:26 ESV

26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Mark 9:14-27 (ESV)

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." 19 And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 And Jesus said to him, 'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

John 14:12 (ESV)

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

Somehow many of us have lost the sense of believing God for the "impossible." Allow me to share five traits or attitudes and actions that will help you become a person who expects great things from a Great God!

Trait #1-Believe Impossible Things are p_____

Mark 2: 1-5 (ESV)

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

TWNC: T _____ s W _____ N _____ C _____

Trait # 2- B _____ that God has better days ahead!

Trait #3-Realize the P _____ of _____.

Trait #4-Replace F _____ with F _____.

FEAR-(4 Destructive Steps)**FOCUSES ONLY ON THE PROBLEM****EXPECTS TO BE DEFEATED****ATTITUDE OF SELF-PROTECTION****RUNS AWAY FROM THE PROBLEM*****FAITH- (Positive Choices)*****FOCUSES ON GOD****ANTICIPATES GOD'S HELP****INSISTS ON BEING INVOLVED THROUGH THE PROCESS****TAKES TIME TO PREPARE****HAS AN IMPACT UPON EVERYONE AROUND YOU**

Trait #5-Replace "What i ____?" with "W _____ not?"

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.

Philippians 3:13 ESV

REFOCUS ON THE FUTURE!

Make sure and understand this today:

Jesus was not focused on what people were like.

He was focused on what they could become!

WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER