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# Excerpt from email:

"I still have you on my prayer list. Praying for your return to full health. With God, it is possible!"

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# Matthew 19:26 (NKJV/NIV)

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. (NKJV)

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

#### Genesis 18:14

Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

Job 42:1-2 (NIV/NKJV)

Then Job replied to the Lord: "I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. (NIV)

Then Job answered the Lord and said: "I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. (NKJV)

## Truth

# What God wants to do He will surely do. For God is omnipotent.

# Question

Why doesn't everything go the way we want it to?

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" 17 "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments." 18 "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother, and 'love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>20</sup> "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup> Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." 27 Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

## Matthew 19:20

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# Matthew 19:22

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## Matthew 24:10-12

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# Philippians 4:13 (NKJV/NIV)

And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup> Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. (NKJV)

At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold (NIV)

# Philippians 4:11-13

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (NKJV)

# Emmanuel: God with us

What do we do?

# 1. Pray

Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

#### What do we do?

#### 2. Seek mature counsel

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

- 1 John 4:1

#### What do we do?

## 3. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus

fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- Hebrews 12:2-3

#### Exodus 33:14-16

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

## Question

What are the "impossible" things you need to give to God?

#### Quote

"Nothing is impossible for the people of God who trust in the power of God to accomplish the will of God."

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