

My Possible Impossible Life

Family

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“What is impossible for people is possible with God.” Luke 18:27 NLT

Thread: Making the impossible possible begins and ends with TRUST/FAITH.

- Family is meant to be a gift.
- Family is RELATIONSHIP.

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. And do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:29 – 32 NLT

Today’s topic has to include two ideas: Potential and Free-will.

It’s helpful when talking about family to use the term ‘guidelines’, not absolutes.

Family is meant to include God, our Father in Heaven.

“As the Scriptures say, ‘A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” Ephesians 5:31 – 33 NLT

We are not meant to understand marriage without the inclusion of God Himself.

1. Why is marriage so dependent on God, and what is the goal of marriage?

2. How can we practice the presence of God in our families?

3. What is the goal of parenting?

- One of the greatest gifts you can give your children is a healthy, thriving marriage.

4. What is the goal of family?

5. What are a couple of common issues that often stand in the way of becoming healthy, thriving families?

- Children at home
- Empty nesters

Some of us need a RESET.

- A place to create a new beginning.
- A time of confession: “I’m sorry.”
- A time and place where you and/or your family declare: “Imperfectly, we are walking this direction, towards God’s best for our family.”

Challenge:

- Is this your moment to entrust Him with your family?
- What potential do you see?
- What do you want?
- What will you give up for it?
- What will you STOP, START or exercise your FAITH for?
- What’s broken that God can fix?
- What needs to be resolved?

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