

I want to clear something up for a moment. The impossible in our lives may come from our own choices for our own failures. Impossible situations may also come from sin--my own or other people's. Sometimes we have to live with the consequences of those actions. The point of this passage is that when we face roadblocks in our lives, we must trust God and seek His will. When I confess my sin and am in good standing with God, I find He will do the impossible with things that I can't. Sometimes they look different than I expect them to. I need to be flexible and let Him lead.

- 6) The question that we have to wrestle with is this if God doesn't heal the situation the way I think it should be healed, will I still trust Him? What does that look like in your life? Have you ever had to trust God even when you didn't feel like it, and if so, what was that like?

Let's shift gears and talk about work.

- 7) This past week Pastor Craig talked about how work brings dignity into our lives. What were some of the ways it does that?

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 NLT

11 Make it your goal to live a quiet life, minding your own business and working with your hands, just as we instructed you before. 12 Then people who are not believers will respect the way you live, and you will not need to depend on others.

- 8) According to Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians, what should our goal be?

- 9) What are some things we can do to live this goal out in our workplace?

- 10) Is there anything with regard to work or your career that you need to stop or start doing?

CHAIR TIME TOOLS

This week take some time and pray through the following questions.

- 1) Is there something in your life that feels impossible? Pray about it, surrender it to God, and ask Him to lead you.
- 2) Is there something God wants you to do differently with regard to your work? Surrender it, and ask Him for the grace to help you do it.
- 3) Take some time thanking Him for all the blessings He has given you. Nothing is too small.

My Possible Impossible Life

Work/Career

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

The BIG truth: God cares deeply about your career/work life.

2 Thessalonians 3:7 – 13 NLT

Your career/work is a significant part of your life:

- Significant because God uses it to provide for you and your family.
- Significant because God uses it to create opportunities to help others.
- Significant because God uses it to provide for His kingdom work.
- Significant because accomplishment comes through hard work.

1 Thessalonians 4:11–12 NLT

There is dignity in hard work (worthy of respect):

- Dignity because you work to provide for you and your family's needs.
- Dignity because you work to provide for the mission of God for your generation.
- Dignity because you work so you can be generous on behalf of Christ.

I work for a narcissistic psychopath. (You should look for another job, until then...)

Colossians 3:22 – 4:1 NLT

WHO do we actually work for?

- Jesus will reward you based on how you obeyed authority.

Joseph

"When Joseph was taken to Egypt by the Ishmaelite traders, he was purchased by Potiphar, an Egyptian officer. Potiphar was captain of the guard for Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. Potiphar noticed this and realized that the Lord was with Joseph, giving him success in everything he did. This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned. From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the Lord began to

bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished. So Potiphar gave Joseph complete administrative responsibility over everything he owned. With Joseph there, he didn't worry about a thing." **Genesis 39:1 – 6 NLT**
It's safe to say Joseph did not love his job.

"So he took Joseph and threw him into the prison where the king's prisoners were held, and there he remained. But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden. Before long, the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners and over everything that happened in the prison. The warden had no more worries, because Joseph took care of everything. The Lord was with him and caused everything he did to succeed." **Genesis 39:20 – 23 NLT**
God blessed Joseph's work.

*"But Joseph replied, 'Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children.'" **Genesis 50:19 – 21 NLT***
God is truly in control even though I don't know how.

Challenge:

- Is this your moment to entrust God with your career/work?
- 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 to get you to a RESET?

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Life Group Homework

My Possible Impossible Life
Fall 2023 | Week 1
Message Date 9/17/2023

MY STORY



- 1) What is your absolute dream job?
- 2) What would your dream house look like or where would it be located or both?

QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Luke 18:23-30 NLT

18 Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" 19 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "Only God is truly good. 20 But to answer your question, you know the commandments: 'You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. Honor your father and mother.'" 21 The man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young." 22 When Jesus heard his answer, he said, "There is still one thing you haven't done. Sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 23 But when the man heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich. 24 When Jesus saw this, he said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God! 25 In fact, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!" 26 Those who heard this said, "Then who in the world can be saved?" 27 He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God." 28 Peter said, "We've left our homes to follow you." 29 "Yes," Jesus replied, "and I assure you that everyone who has given up house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the Kingdom of God, 30 will be repaid many times over in this life, and will have eternal life in the world to come."

- 4) What was the roadblock the rich young ruler struggled with?
- 5) What is the crowd's response, and how does Jesus answer them?