“All Things Are Possible”
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PROP: “We live from Heaven’s perspective, knowing that with God all things are possible!” [We are being released into the culture as messengers of hope]

1. HERE’S WHAT GOD DOES IN US

SEE Matthew 19:23-26 (The Message)

NOTE: He brings us to the end of self-reliance—into the place where we are totally dependent on Him.

a. He offers us His quality of faith

(Lit) “Have the faith OF God” (Mark 11:22)

b. We connect with Him

(Luke 1:26-38)
“I am the Lord’s bond-servant”—bound to You, not to my understanding

c. He goes to work in us

( NOTE: The brink of the impossible is the verge of a miracle)
• Numbers 13:30- Caleb: “Enabled to be able to overcome!”
• Romans 4:20-21- Abraham “against all hope, believed in hope”
  ○ (v. 20) “was strengthened in his faith” - endued with strength; empowered to respond in faith
  ○ (v. 21) “fully persuaded” - completely convinced (NOTE: Both of these verbs are in the passive voice—done TO him by God)

SO...Hebrews 12:3- “Fix your eyes (your gaze & your expectancy) on Jesus”
“Author”—pioneer you into a new realm/territory
“Finisher”—completely acclimate you to His perspective of life
(Living in the faith He is worthy of)

2. HERE’S WHAT WE GET TO DO WITH HIM

SEE Philippians 2:12-13
(v. 13)- “work out” - achieve results; exercise your faith

Our GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: an ATMOSPHERE OF AWE
(Acts 2:47 - “continued sense of awe”)

We CHOOSE WHICH REALM will be MOST REAL TO US! (Ps. 34:4- “I sought the Lord...He delivered me from all my fears”)

Isaiah 61:3-
“spirit of despair” —“spirit”- continually breathes into us; “despair”- dim; gloomy; hopeless; despondent; desensitized

“garment of praise”—“garment”- envelopes and shields us from outside interference; “praise”- makes clear; causes to shine; results in raving/celebrating (i.e., A TENT FILLED WITH HIS GLORY)

a. BELIEVE HIM

Hebrews 11:6- “Believe that He is and that He is the reworder of those who seek Him.”

NOTE: The object of our faith is not the reward—it’s the Rewarder! Long before we receive the promise—we have Him!!!

b. EXPRESS OUR TRUST IN HIM

(Romans 10:9,10)- “Heart...believe...mouth...confess”

Audible- Psalm 103:1- “Praise continually in my mouth” (shout, sing, clap, twirl)

Contemplative- Be still & know; set our hearts at rest in His presence

RESPONSE:

• The whole world was created in atmosphere of praise (Job 38:2-7)
• Romans 8:19- That’s why all creation longs for the emerging company who trusts, believes, hopes and rejoices in the atmosphere of His presence.
• Though He is everywhere—He makes Himself “at home” in the “praises of His people” (Psalm 22:3)