Monday
Nothing Is Impossible

"For nothing is impossible with God" Luke 1:37

We walked into the doctor’s office and he said to my brother, there is nothing to be afraid of, that everything will go on fine with his surgery. He was to undergo a surgery that eventually took the doctors nine hours non-stop. The day of surgery came and when my brother came back to life, he was given crutches and greeted by family and friends in the recovery room.

Three days later, my brother was already being taken through some routine exercises and he was feeling good. Often times, we tend to forget that God has control over all things and that whatsoever we commit into His hands, He is able to sort out. Are you going through an experience that requires faith and absolute trust in Jesus? This is your time to see Him at work.

Tuesday
Making Decisions

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." - Proverbs 3:5

This is one of the most quoted verses in the Bible. It relates to gaining wisdom and direction from God. Remember that Bible says, that, a man can receive nothing except it is given from above. Yet I have never heard one teaching on this passage that teaches what I believe the psalmist is really saying. The first part is pretty easy; we are to trust with all our heart. But the next part is not so clear. We are not to lean on our own understanding. If we are not to lean on our own understanding, on whose understanding are we to lean? God's!

Throughout the Old Testament we find that God set up structures by which those in authority made decisions. God has always set a principle whereby we are to seek Him in all our decisions, that He might truly make our decisions. God knows the beginning from the end and vice versa. You can trust Him absolutely to guide and direct your decisions. He will NOT fail you.
Wednesday
Understanding Your Gift

Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. 1 Corinthians 12:1

In First Corinthians 12 and Romans 12, the apostle Paul is teaching us about the role of spiritual gifts in the Church. He correlates these gifts to a human body, telling us that each person's gift helps the whole Body of the Church. This is such an important principle for us to learn. I must say I learned this principle regarding my own spiritual gift the hard way.

One simple way of determining your gift is to answer the question, what do I do and do with such much delight and virtually effortlessly. Your gift comes to you naturally without any struggle whatsoever. Even when you are fast asleep and woken up, you will find yourself seamlessly carrying out your God-given gift.

Thursday
Obedience With a Cost

Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and You have not rescued Your people at all. Exodus 5:23

Have you ever felt like you have been obedient to the Lord for something He called you to do and all you get are more roadblocks? This is the way Moses felt. When Moses went to tell Pharaoh to release the people because God said so, Pharaoh simply got angry and made the people make bricks without straw. Moses caught the blame for this from the people. Moses was just learning what obedience really means in God's Kingdom. You see Moses had not even begun to release plagues upon Egypt. He hadn't even gotten started yet in his calling, and he was complaining about his circumstances.

There were many more encounters with Pharaoh to come, and many more plagues with no deliverances in sight. Why would God tell Moses that He is going to deliver them and not do it? It was all in timing. God never said when He was going to deliver. He just said He would. If God has called to obedience, please go ahead and obey Him. He will ultimately show His great hands of deliverance on your behalf.

Friday
Worry

'I tell you not to worry about everyday life...' Matthew 6:25

Jesus said, 'Therefore I tell you, stop being perpetually uneasy (anxious and worried) about your life...' (v. 25 AMP). Now, the Lord is not condemning you for having a legitimate concern about your responsibilities. No, what He's condemning is having a mindset that keeps leaving Him out of the equation, or turning to Him only as a last resort. Destructive anxiety subtracts God from the future, faces uncertainties with no faith, tallies up the challenges of today and tomorrow, and forgets to include God's promises and His faithfulness.
Jesus told His disciples, 'I tell you not to worry about everyday life - whether you have enough.' Note the words 'whether you have enough'. That's what we worry about, isn't it? Shortfalls, sickness, redundancies, economic downturns. Faced with the feeding of five thousand people, the disciples had the same worry. Philip did an audit: '...Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!' (John 6:7 NIV). How do you suppose Jesus felt in that moment? Standing next to them was the solution to their problems, but they didn't go to Him until their backs were to the wall and they had no answers. In their hands five loaves and two fishes looked like nothing. Yet in His hands it was more than enough to feed the multitude and solve their problem. As the bread kept multiplying, surely they must have come to the point where they said, 'Lord, why did I ever doubt You?'

**Saturday**
**Being Chosen**

"'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.'" At once they left their nets and followed him. Matt 4:19-20.

Do you recall how good it felt when you were chosen to be on a team? It makes one feel special to be preferred over another. During the time of Jesus, rabbis' were well known in their community. Each rabbi had a following of students. Jesus was developing as a "superstar" rabbi. He was unlike the others. He did things differently. He often confronted the accepted thinking of other rabbis and Pharisees.

The younger men had great respect for Jesus, the rabbi. To be selected by Jesus would be a great honor because most rabbis would usually select only the cream of the crop in the community as their disciples. By these standards, Peter and the other disciples would not have qualified. But Jesus had a purpose in mind for Peter and the disciples. God is the one who calls people into relationship with Himself and to their calling in life. It is for His purposes, not ours. Jesus chose each of his disciples from the workplace instead of the rabbinical schools. Today He has chosen you for His purpose. Go ahead and fulfil it.

**Sunday**
**Write Down Your Vision**

'Write the vision and make it plain...' Habakkuk 2:2

Dr John Maxwell writes: 'If you have a general idea of your dream, your temptation may be to start creating your strategy. Don't do it yet...begin by writing a detailed description of your dream. Let your imagination go wild. Write as many elements or pieces of it as you can. Don't stop until you have more than you think you need. Now quantify everything you can. Make it measurable. Don't worry about how you'll get there yet. Be bold. Be audacious. Dream big! The next step is to state your dream succinctly in writing...don't expect to be able to do the whole process in one sitting.

For most people that's not possible. Instead, give it time. You may want to get away for a retreat to start the process. If you can separate yourself from your usual surroundings or routine for a
couple of days, you may be able to get most of the work done. Otherwise, take a day to dream, and then come back to the process for a few hours at a time in subsequent weeks. Don't forget your goal: make your dream as clear and specific as possible. Then keep it in front of you so that you can see it every day.' A God-given dream will always look bigger than you. Write it down.