

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE

Most of you reading this were not around during the years 1966-1973, but during that time one of the most popular TV shows was Mission Impossible starring Peter Graves. In each episode he would receive a message on a tape that would self destruct after he heard it. It contained a seemingly impossible mission for him and his team that took place in some foreign country.

Imagine that you have been sent to a foreign land by the leader of your company. Your mission assignment is to see that branch offices are established in every nation and city in the world. You have no political or banking connections and you will not travel outside the country you have been sent to. You will reside in obscurity for many years with a family of modest means before you begin your mission. You will live among common people in a part of the country where there is little wealth or education opportunities. This is a dangerous mission as you will face much opposition with many death threats. You will have only a few years to accomplish this task before you report back to your sending country headquarters. As you ponder the task, note that Jesus had the above circumstances when he came to this earth. He also had to fulfill the following assignment in a few short years.

Here is a partial list of things he had to accomplish:

- * Proclaim good news of the kingdom...healing all types of diseases Matt.4:23-24
- * Proclaim (and Provide):
 - good news to the poor
 - freedom for prisoners
 - sight for the blind
 - release for the oppressed - Luke 4:18

- * Reveal the perfect character of the Father - John 1:18
- * Live a sinless life without blemish
- * Take away the sin of the world - John 1:29
- * Demonstrate and deliver abundant life - John 10:10
- * Testify to the truth - John 18:37
- * Fulfill 100's of prophecies (eg. crucifixion) - Psalm 22, Isaiah 53

As we know, Jesus accomplished all of these goals with utmost perfection, but his mission was not yet completed. How would he set up kingdom branches all over the world? The message of the cross, resurrection and life in the kingdom of God could not be confined to the land of Israel in the first century. It was a message that must be carried to every tribe and nation in every century! There would be no success without successors. At the end of his ministry, Jesus uttered these words to his Father in heaven in what is known as the high priestly prayer.

‘I have brought you glory on earth by **completing the work** you gave me to do’. - John 17:4

What was that work he is referring to here? We get a clue from the fact that Jesus refers to his disciples 44 times in John 17. They were the secret to his successful

mission. He had fully trained them as his apprentices, knowing that they have been prepared to plant kingdom branches all over their world. Although Jesus had ministered to the multitudes during his ministry, **His main focus was to give himself to a few. We call it discipleship.** They had been trained to reign in this life but also in preparation for reigning with him when he comes back to earth a second time. They were to participate in his kingdom restoration process to this earth. It will be completed in its fullness when Jesus returns to restore all things. - Acts 3:21.

It was an impossible mission that Jesus accomplished, but only if we think in the natural. **The kingdom of God is the supernatural where all things are possible with God.** We find two factors that *make impossible things become possible.*

GOD

***'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'* - Mark 10:27**

I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is there anything too hard for me? - Jeremiah 32:27

A BELIEVER

'Everything is possible for him who believes' - Mark 9:23

As I write this message, the 'Impossible Mission' of Jesus to set up kingdom branches all over the world continues and is growing. God is doing great things in the Muslim world, among the Jews and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. He has raised up disciples who have taken up their cross and followed him.

Jesus' mission will reach greater fulfillment as his church walks in the supernatural power of God. The early church welcomed the Holy Spirit and his Power, so must we. What God has called us to seems impossible, but not for believers! With God's help mission impossible becomes **Mission Him Possible!**

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