

## “Impossible?”

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Recently I watched a program about Israel’s Six Day War. One thing that amazed me about the war was the planning that the Israelis did in preparation for the 1967 event. The terrain of the battlefields were impossible, and the circumstances of fighting armies from three other countries on three fronts at the same time were also impossible.

One thing that impressed me, as I watched this program, was that the Israelis did not say, “It is too hard, we might as well surrender.” They worked, and studied, and used the impossibilities to their advantage.

Understand, I have also heard eye-witness accounts of how God performed miracles during this war. Consider though, that part of his hand of deliverance was giving the Israelis the ideas on how to use impossible circumstances to their advantage. These creative and seemingly crazy ideas, and the incredible amount of preparation done to get each person involved to the point that he could do his part im-



Notes:

[a]  
Judges 7

peccably so the process flowed smoothly, were all part of God’s plan of deliverance. God worked in both ways, through ideas joined with man’s laborious preparation, and miracles.

Remember Gideon. The plan of battle God gave him seemed ludicrous.<sup>[a]</sup> but God gave his people the victory. The plans the Israelis followed in the Six Day War seemed impossible, but God gave them great victory.

What is God calling you to do that seems impossible? Remember Luke 1:37 tells us, “For nothing is impossible with God.” There may be some work, change, and sacrifice necessary, on your part, but if you are faithful, the result of your obedience, faith, and trust in God, will be beyond your comprehension.

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# Sojourning

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## “Time” (Teaching Sketch)

Matthew 25:14-30



Time is a gift, a tool, an opportunity. Time starts when physical life begins, and ends when physical life ends. Then there is eternity. Time is measured existence while eternity is existence without measurement.

### Killing Time

When asked what they are doing many people will respond with, “Oh, just killing time.” Time can be wasted, squandered, invested, and utilized, but you cannot kill time. Only the Creator of time can affect time. There is the example of when a prophet through the power of the Creator caused time to stand still.<sup>[1]</sup> Time may be a measure of our gift of it, but time comes closer to killing us than we to killing it.

### Distractions

Our world, in the time in which we live, is full of distractions. Yes, we may call them amusements, worries, or obligations but if they cause us to lose sight of our Lord and his desired use of our

lives all of these things are distractions. It is amazing just how much money people will spend on distractions and brag about doing it! Amusement, however, is not the only distraction which diverts attention away from our Lord’s purposes. As was mentioned earlier worry, misplaced obligations and even painful health can also play a part in being distracted from our Master’s purposes.

Notes:

[1]  
Joshua  
10:12;  
Habakkuk 3:11;  
2 Kings  
20:11;  
Isaiah  
38:8

[2]  
Matthew  
25:15

### Servants With Talents

Matthew records a parable of Jesus as he instructs his hearers regarding the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus tells them of three servants who were each given a different amount of silver to care for while their master would be gone from them for an undisclosed period of time. Jesus says each was given an amount according to their ability.

### At Once

Immediately means “at once.” The one given the most went at once to care for

## Scripture:

### Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup>"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them.

<sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents <sup>[a]</sup> of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup>The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more.

<sup>17</sup>So also, the one with the two talents gained two more.

<sup>18</sup>But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup>"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The man who had received the five talents brought the other five.

'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.'

<sup>21</sup>"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>22</sup>"The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.'

#### Notes:

[a] A talent was worth more than a thousand dollars.

A talent=93.7  
5 lbs. X  
\$13.00oz.  
= \$19,500

1 Talent=  
\$19,500

2 Talents=  
\$39,000

5 Talents=  
\$97,500

Based on price of silver per ounce  
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<sup>23</sup>"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>24</sup>"Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

<sup>26</sup>"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup>Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

<sup>28</sup>"Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. <sup>30</sup>And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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his master's money. Let me point out here, money is not the only thing of value which is given to people. Money, however, will get nearly everyone's attention and can be easily measured for results. You see the master had an end in mind when he left his wealth with his servants.

### Results Not Intentions

Jesus' desire, as our Master, is to share with us his happiness. Jesus is looking for and desirous of results of increase from each of his servants. He makes it very clear his desire is to share with his servants the good of the Kingdom of Heaven. This is seen in his response to the first two servants who brought him increase, but to the servant who brought no increase he was very displeased! Jesus stripped the servant with no increase of what he had and gave it to those with an increase plus he kicked him out of the Kingdom of Heaven!

### Be Wise

Be wise not foolish. Don't allow fear, worry, health, finances, procrastination, or laziness to let your time run out... expire before you show yourself to be a faithful servant!

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

