

Theme for 2019

‘TODAY IS NOT JUST ANOTHER DAY. IT’S A NEW OPPORTUNITY, ANOTHER CHANCE, A NEW BEGINNING.’

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES!

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”

Psalm 51:15 (ESV); Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV); Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV)



***This Week’s Thought – December 30, 2018
Happy New Year 2019!***

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts?” Zechariah 8:6 (NRSV)

Can you believe we’re just days away from 2019? Though many are still in ‘Christmas mode’, I have always found these waning days of December to be a valuable time to think about the year ahead. The New Year always brings with it a renewed sense of ambition and motivation. It feels like a fresh start, a blank slate. We often set goals and challenge ourselves to take ground in new and uncharted areas. Whether it’s a goal of improved fitness, kicking a bad habit, healing a relational wound, or pursuing a new business adventure, we all have something we’d like to achieve. Yet whatever the goal may be, usually we choose them because they feel achievable. They seem to be within our grasp, within our power to control and achieve; and while this is good and helpful, what about the goals in life that we desperately desire yet can never achieve on our own?

The people of Israel deeply desired an impossible dream. They found themselves exiled in Babylon and longing for home, yet entirely helpless to do anything about their situation. Into the

bleakness of this moment, Zechariah speaks words of hope and healing: *‘what is surely impossible in your own strength is never impossible for the Lord.’*

Are there dreams that you’ve never dreamed because they seemed too far-fetched and impossible? Is there a healing of past wounds that you desire more than anything in the world, yet the wound has always felt too deep and wide, like a chasm that can never be crossed? Is there something that you want to do for God’s Kingdom that seems to combine your unique gifts and the particular needs of your community, yet you think, “surely it’s more than I can handle.”

To follow Jesus is to believe in impossible goals. It is a posture of humble dependence upon the Lord, acknowledging our own weaknesses and limitations yet daily celebrating His infinite strength and power. There are goals and dreams that God has for His creation that He longs to bring into being, and He delights in inviting us to join Him in that Holy work.

God wants to accomplish wonderful things in you and through you. Allow yourself to dream big dreams with God this New Year, trusting and believing that He is *‘able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.’*

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.’” (Matthew 19:26)

As you look back and reflect on your past year and look ahead to the coming year, may the blessing of peace rest upon you...the blessing of joy abide within you...the blessing of success and favor surround you...the blessing of love flow out through you. May all the Blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance in the New Year!!

Application: Are there God-given dreams and desires that you’ve laid aside that He is asking you to pick back up?

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “Trust Me one day at a time. This keeps you close to Me and responsive to My will. Trust is not a natural response, especially for those who have been deeply wounded. My Spirit within you is your resident Tutor, helping you in this supernatural endeavor. Yield to the Spirit’s gentle touch; be sensitive to His prompting. Exert your will to trust Me in all circumstances. Don’t let your need to understand distract you from My Presence. Trust Me one day at a time, starting today.” (Psalm 84:12; 1 Corinthians 6:19; Jeremiah 17:7; Matthew 6:34)

“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King