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Sunday, March 24, 2019
Mission Possible: Overcoming Obstacles 1

TEXT: Mark 9:23; Joshua 6:1-10, 20

Today we will begin looking at Overcoming Obstacles. These are the circumstances and things that attempt to thwart our goals, dreams, and MISSIONS. They may be relational, personal, or physical and shout at us all the reasons that we are too *(fill in the blank)* to fulfill our mission and accomplish our God-given dreams. But in Impossible Circumstances the Lord has a POSSIBLE PLAN. He has MISSION POSSIBLE.

Lessons from Jericho – Jericho was a huge obstacle right at the onset of the Children of Israel’s miraculous entry into the Promised Land.

❖ **There are no LONER MISSIONS – Never go into battle alone.**

- In the MISSIONS of life, you need a team.
- Who has God called along-side you?
Identify, pray for, & support those who have your six (back).
- Who has God called you along-side?
 - Spouse, Friends, FCFTucson
(Amos 3:3, Matt. 19:19, Psalm 92)
 - Numerous opportunities to grow, serve, & connect.

❖ **The Lord is NEVER caught off guard.**

- God knew Jericho was there & how big it was.
 - He knew just how big it really was. He also knows the realities of the circumstances & obstacles you face.
- Some obstacles you see before you get there too.
 - Knowing obstacles are coming, give us the opportunity to draw closer to HIM, seek HIS WORD on the subject, and start applying HIS Word to the situation. John 15:7
 - Some come out of nowhere. Blind side us.
(School cancels class, employer shuts down department)
 - Some obstacles we create. Numbers 21
 - Hasty decisions. Lack of wise council.
 - Little to no time in prayer, listening to the Lord and letting Him settle our hearts first.
 - Lack of gratitude for what we have and where we are.
 - We open our mouths & say things that create problems.

❖ **When God Speaks, Listen.** Hebrews 12:25

- Joshua began hearing God through Moses. Ex. 17:9
- Then heard God speaking to Moses. Ex. 24:13, Ex. 33
- Then the Lord spoke to him. Joshua 1
- Then he encountered pre-incarnate JESUS (Commander of the Army of the Lord). Joshua 5:13-15
- Relationship is Progressive. It grows.
As it grows, so does intimacy & FAITH.
 - Joshua got to know the Lord in a NEW way.
Let’s grow to know Him in new ways too.
 - Times of leading in prayer or inspiration.
 - Times of leading in His presence...We Will have these here. You should have them at home.
 - Worship, get quiet, be still and know that He is GOD!

❖ **It’s ok to take it one step at a time.**

- The Leading and instruction of the Lord is sometimes from Faith to Faith. Step by Step. Joshua has been learning the voice of God and to trust Him for 40 years...
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 - He is in you. He teaches, reminds, guides, & shows.
- Jericho didn’t fall in one day. They had to daily walk out the plan.

❖ **No matter how improbable, God’s plan works.**

- The Lord gives a possible plan for a possible mission.
- His plan worked for Jericho & He has a divine strategy that will work for you.
- What has God said to you that seemed impossible or improbable to do?
 - Get out of debt
 - New job/promotion
 - Graduate
 - Forgive
 - Be kind to someone... who is angry and bitter.

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