



POSSIBLE Series Key Verse:

Matthew 19:26

(Jesus said) ... “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Main Point:

At issue for us is our ability to move forward in faith—facing what seems impossible—with trust in God.

Question: How do we shift from impossible thinking to possible thinking?

Our MISSION STATEMENT at ECOG is:

- LOVE. (Motivated by God’s love. Luke 10:27, John 13:34-35)
- MISSION. (Motivated by Jesus to be a vessel He can work through to lead someone to salvation. Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21)
- GROW. (Grow in God’s Word, in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. All to develop the gifts God has placed in you. 2 Peter 3:18, Ephesians 4:12)
- INSPIRE. (Serve and encourage, lifting each other up, and motivating others to be a vessel Christ may work through. 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 10:24-25)

Definitions:

POLICY = What we PLAN to do each day to KEEP our relationship with the Lord vibrant and active. This is an INTENTIONAL plan.

PRACTICES = what you DO each day to MAINTAIN your relationship with the Lord. This is CARRYING OUT the intentional plan.

TWO APPROACHES ARE SEEN HERE:

1. Saul tries to put his \_\_\_\_\_—his \_\_\_\_\_—on David.

a. 1 Samuel 17:38 So Saul clothed David with his armor, and he put a bronze helmet on his head; he also clothed him with a coat of mail.

b. We shouldn't just \_\_\_\_\_ what someone else does, we are to \_\_\_\_\_ our personal relationship in Christ with practices that help us become \_\_\_\_\_.

TWO APPROACHES ARE SEEN HERE:

2. David tried to \_\_\_\_\_ in Saul's practices, but \_\_\_\_\_.

a. 1 Samuel 17:39 David fastened his sword to his armor and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them." So David took them off.

b. He saw Saul's practice as a \_\_\_\_\_.

TWO APPROACHES ARE SEEN HERE:

3. You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ the world's \_\_\_\_\_ with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

a. 1 Samuel 17:40a Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand...

b. David stepped out in his \_\_\_\_\_ practice with his \_\_\_\_\_ policy.

c. Proverbs 3:3-4 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, 4 And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man.

#### RESULTS OF DAILY POLICY AND PRACTICES IN OUR LIFE:

1. They provide \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to us to face and \_\_\_\_\_ to our giant in order to overcome it.

a. 1 Samuel 17:40b-44 ... And he drew near to the Philistine. 41 So the Philistine came, and began drawing near to David, and the man who bore the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking. 43 So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

#### RESULTS OF DAILY POLICY AND PRACTICES IN OUR LIFE:

2. Set \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ to take down the giants you face.

a. 1 Samuel 17:45-47 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

#### RESULTS OF DAILY POLICY AND PRACTICES IN OUR LIFE:

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ to completely \_\_\_\_\_ giants in your way.

a. 1 Samuel 17:48-51 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung it and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.

b. Complete removal of \_\_\_\_\_.

i. Romans 8:31b If God is for us, who can be against us?

c. Complete removal of \_\_\_\_\_.

i. Psalm 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

d. Complete removal of the \_\_\_\_\_ .

i. Ephesians 2:2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

ii. Matthew 19:26 (Jesus said) ... “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Conclusion:

It’s time to step forward in faith in daily practices that strengthen you to live in expectation that with God all things are possible!

Reflection:

1. Do you do something every day that strengthens you spiritually?

2. Do they help you face the giants of life?

3. It may be time to add strength through daily policy and practices...