**By DE & CQ**

**Topic 10:** Faith (how to get it; in God’s ability; no fear; confidence in God helping us; faith for the impossible.)

**(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus says: ) I specialise in doing what is impossible. It’s one of My favourite things to do! Do you need a miracle? Just ask Me. I have all the tools and gadgets and all sorts of angelic help to do anything you need, if you are trying to please Me and do what is best. If it’s good for you, and helps bring others closer to Me, I’ll do some far-out and amazing things for you. Nothing is impossible for Me—nor for you, when you are working together with Me.

2. Jesus speaking: When you feel overwhelmed by all everything you have to do or there’s somehing that seems too hard for you, come to Me. Give Me your fears and worries. You can even tell me, “Jesus, I can’t!” But then turn your mind over to Me. Remember all the power and strength that’s in My Word. My Word will always accomplish what I send it to do. All you have to do is ask. It’s like turning on a faucet. But with Me and My power, you get a waterfall of power and blessings overflowing on you! With Me, all things are possible for you!

3. Jesus speaking: Why do I ask you to walk by faith and not by sight? Because its your faith that pleases Me. Your faith gives Me a chance to work. You are nothing of yourself, but with My power working in you, you become a powerful dynamo, a motor that’s pulsating with miracle-creating energy. I love to work through little nobodies because that way, My power shines through!

4.Jesus speaking: Call on Me when you need help so I can do great and mighty things for you! Remember, “Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you”? Those are My words, My promises to you. I never change. My power is the same yesterday, today and forever. Because I have gone to the Father, even greater power is now available for you. I promised that you would do greater things than I did when I was on earth. So what are you waiting for? Ask and you’ll receive! Seek and you will find!

5. Jesus speaking: I hear your prayers, I see your tears, and I will answer you! My hand of blessing and power is already working things out for you! Just like Moses lifted up his rod, and the Red Sea split open and made a passageway for My children, My mighty power will work miracles for you!

1. **Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**
2. A visitor was once visiting a rich lady in her house. The visitor stopped to admire a beautiful silver vase that a lady had. “What a beautiful vase!” she exclaimed.

“Yes, it’s beautiful, sighed the lady, “But I have to keep it polished it all the time.”

“Well,” said the visitor, “That’s true of faith, too!”

2. An African-American church congregation held a meeting to pray for rain to overcome a long, dry spell. The preacher stood in his pulpit and looked sternly at his flock. Then he said, “Brothers and sisters, y’all know why we are here. Now what I want to know is—where are your umbrellas?” The faith that gets answers is the faith that expects!

3. In 1858, David Livingstone faced a dangerous situiation in Africa. He was traveling on the Zambesi River, near the territory of a hostile African tribe. The chief had openly declared his hostility towards Livingstone. One night, the chief and his men were said to be creeping towards Livingstone’s camp. At any moment, spears might come hurtling through the darkness, or they might be attacked at dawn. Alone in his tent, Livingstone opened his Bible and read the promise on which he had often staked his life: “All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth...Go ye therefore and teach all nations.... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

 Livingstone then said, “This is the word of a Gentleman of the most strict and sacred honor,so that is the end of my fear. I will cross no further tonight as I had intended. I feel quiet and calm now, thank God!” The night passed peacefully without any incident. In the morning, Livingstone woke up refreshed and ready to continue his journey (www.wholesomewords.org).

4. A Chinese Christian named Mr. Chou was asked to donate to a fund for buying sacrifices to the local Chinese gods as an insurance against fire. The Chinese Christian said, “No. I trust in the living God and no idols can save us from fire.” Not long after, a terrible fire broke out in the village. Over 120 houses burned down on the street where the Christian lived. When the flames were coming nearer to his house, his neighbors tried to persuade him to abandon his house. He refused and right in front of them, Mr. Chou started praying, “Jesus, show us that You are indeed the Lord of hosts who can command legions of angels to deliver us from this calamity.” The flames kept coming nearer until there was only one house between Mr. Chou’s house and the flames. Suddenly, the wind changed and the fire went out. Mr. Chou’s house was saved!

5. God told Abraham that his descendants would be servants in Egypt for 400 years (Gen 15:13). That was long before Abraham even had a son! But sure enough, everything that God foretold came to pass. Abraham had a son, Isaac, and Isaac had a famous grandson named Joseph. Joseph ruled in Egypt and after he died, a new pharaoh arose who made slaves of the children of Israel and mistreated them. Then along came Moses and Aaron who led the Exodus out of Egypt. And sure enough, God delivered the children of Israel after the promised amount of years were fulfilled, “On the very day” (Exodus 12:40-41) [answersingenesis.org](https://answersingenesis.org/bible-questions/how-long-were-the-israelites-in-egypt/). God was keeping track of the time down to the very day, and He miraculously delivered His children in the perfect time. God can and always will protect and deliver His children in trying times both in the past,the present and the future. We can count on it!

**(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Jesus, I love the fact that You are always there for me. Thank You that You always hear and answer my prayers. No matter how difficult or how impossible things may seem, You understand and You answer. Before I’ve hardly formed my needs into words, Your miracle working power is already at work. Thank You, Jesus!

2. You said, “Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full.” Jesus, it’s so cool to think that You actually want me to be not just a little bit happy but You want to fill my joy and happiness to the full. Thank You for caring so much about me that You answer my prayers. I love You, Jesus.

3. I’m so thankful that I’m not all alone in this fight, Jesus. Thank You that there is a huge cloud of witnesses around me that cheer me on. I like to think about them sometimes. People like Joshua and Gideon, even Moses who were scared when facing some task that seemed impossible. You came through for them, Jesus, and I know You’ll do the same for me.

4. Lord, You have never failed to keep any of Your promises! You’ve always kept Your children throughout the ages. I thank You that You are never going to fail us either. Praise Your Name!

5. I love You, Jesus. I’m so thankful that You love me, too. I have all the promises in the Bible to convince me of that. Nothing is too hard for You and You always answer my prayers in the way You know is best.

 **(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don’t know.)**

1. **Got Any Rivers?** (hymn chorus)

byOscar C. Eliason

Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?
Got any mountains, you can’t tunnel through?
God specialises in things thought impossible
And He can do what no other power can do

1. **Prayer makes the darkened clouds withdraw**

by William Cowper

Prayer makes the darkened clouds withdraw

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw;

Gives exercise to faith and love;

Brings every blessing from above.

Prayer makes the Christian’s armor bright,

And Satan trembles when he sees

The weakest saint upon his knees.

 3. **God's Might**

 by Heather Flood

On the ground sits a bird
That's too afraid to fly.
Beautiful wings could make it soar,
But fear of failure is its cry.

God said to the bird,
"Trust, have faith in Me,
I will carry you in your flight.
The miracle is just waiting, you see."

The bird said, "I can't.
I’m weak. I’ll fall and feel pain.
It happened before when I tried.
I'm afraid it’ll happen again."

Soft and reassuring, God said,
"I created you, I’ll protect you.
Your sad cry I’ve heard.
Have faith in Me. Just trust My Word.

With wobbly legs and unsure wings,
The bird looked at the sky.
He drew a deep breath, took a chance.
And then began to fly!

God smiled at the bird
In its upward flight.
"Little bird, I'll always be with you,
I’ll protect you with all My might.

The little bird once scared,
Had soared to new heights.
He chose to have faith in God's might.

3. "I have found that there are three stages in every great work of God: first, it is impossible, then it is difficult, then it is done."

 --Hudson Taylor

4. Send a drop of faith with a single prayer.
 And God will show the way, ‘cause faith is always there.
 --Julie Hebert

5. Every day you need to get a good dose of the Word and mediate on Scripture. If you discipline yourself and remain consistent, your faith will grow and mature. Remember that God, the Word, and your faith is the recipe for success. --Stephanie Williams,

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37  KJV
2. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. Luke 1: 45 KJV
3. But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26 KJV
4. He said to them, “For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there, and it will move and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20 KJV
5. “Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Mark 11:24 KJV
6. Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, [and] there is nothing too hard for thee: ~ Jeremiah 32:17 KJV
7. Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. ~ Isaiah 41:10 KJV
8. Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:27 KJV
9. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ~ Romans 8:31-32 KJV
10. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isaiah 41:10 KJV