

A Guide for Seeing God Do the Impossible In & Through You

To Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or imagine, according to the power at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

EPHESIANS 3.20-21



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About This Study

What you're facing feels impossible.

Your marriage is dead.

Your work is a dead-end.

Your mind is stuck.

You can't do what He's calling you to. Your guilt is unshakable. You know there's glory on the other side of that door, but you're not sure you can open it.

You don't have the faith to leap.

He is able.

God could choose to do the impossible without you. Yet He works in and through us, to do far more than we could ask or imagine, for our joy and His glory. In your work place, in your marriage, in your neighborhood, across the globe.

God can do the impossible, according to His mighty power at work in and through us!

This is the life of faith, covered and compelled by the provision of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

He is able (Ephesians 3.20-21).

When 100% of us step by faith into the impossible, we will see our God do beyond all we could ask or imagine. He is able to transform your life and change eternity through you.

When 100% of us give what God has called us to give, covered and compelled by the provision of our Savior, we will purchase the building He has provided for us.

What might He do next through you?

Through The Well?

Far more than we could ask or imagine, for generations to come.

He gave us this building, at this time, that we might step together into deeper dependance and greater faith, giving the gift He has called each of us to give, that eternity would never be the same.

Follow the below guide to study Paul's life on your own, and discuss what God is showing you together with your group. Work through all the 'Questions' for each week (positioned on the left, across two pages) before moving to the 'So What?' questions (positioned on the right, across two pages).



Week One

Our God is Able



READ

Ephesians 3.14-21 (focus: vv. 20-21)

QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Write out a flow chart of vv. 20-21. What is the focal point of each of the movements?

Describe the different elements of time found in the passage.

SO WHAT?

In your life, what situation or step of obedience feels impossible?

How do perceived outcomes impact your life of faith and obedience?

Week One | Our God is Able

QUESTIONS

Why is God able to do more than you ask or imagine? Consider this from the perspective of His ability and from the perspective of your requests/imagination.

How (and why) does God exceed expectations?

What do you know about Paul's life that embodies the truths of these verses?

Consider watching the following BibleProject videos for a helpful overview of Paul's life:

The Apostle Paul: Acts 8-12

#7 in the Luke-Acts Series (6:00)

Paul's Missionary Journeys: Acts 13-20

#8 in the Luke-Acts Series (4:43)

Bound for Rome: Acts 21-28

#9 in the Luke-Acts Series (4:50)

SO WHAT?

What is God calling you to do, step out of, step into, by faith, trusting in His provision?

How does God's ability interact with you personally, and our church corporately, in the moment of purchasing this building?

Week Two

He is Able to... Transform You



READ

Acts 7.54-8.3 Acts 22.1-21, 26.1-18 Philippians 3.1-11

QUESTIONS

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What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

List out a before and after chart of Paul's life. His beliefs, actions, purposes, etc.

SO WHAT?

What are some barriers in your life keeping you from experiencing the transforming grace of God?

What are some of the least, and most, transformed areas of your life?

Where do you most desire God's transforming power to reshape your life?

Week Two | He is Able to... Transform You

QUESTIONS

What were some of the barriers keeping Paul from living for God?

How did God destroy those barriers and transform Paul's life?

What was transformed in Paul's life? List and describe as many details as possible, using the texts and your imagination: How was Paul a new man?

SO WHAT?

What would it look like, tangibly, for you to surrender to Christ in these areas?

Week Three

He is Able to... Transform Through You



READ

Acts 9.1-31

QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Who are the people involved in, and surrounding Paul's conversion? How did God work through each of these people in Paul's calling and sending?

SO WHAT?

Why does God often choose to work through us to bring transformation in the lives of others?

Who in your life does not know Christ, or is not connected to the church and thriving in their relationship with God?

What are the internal, and external, barriers that keep God from working through you to transform their life?

Week Three | He is Able to... Transform Through You

QUESTIONS

Focus in on Ananias. Describe from the text and your imagination the moments leading up to meeting Saul/Paul and the period following their first interaction.

Focus in on the apostles, and Barnabas. Describe from the text and your imagination the moments leading up to their meeting and the period following their first interaction.

SO WHAT?

Who has been critical in your life for salvation and sanctification?

Week Four

He is Able to... Sustain You



READ

2 Corinthians 11.16 - 12.10 Romans 8.26-39 Philippians 1.18-30

QUESTIONS

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What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

Which of the sufferings Paul endured would have been the hardest for you to endure?

SO WHAT?

Looking back on your life, where did God sustain you through a time of suffering, and how did you come out differently (for "better" or "worse")?

What are the ways you are currently experiencing suffering or sadness?

How would you describe God's presence, or absence, in these things?

Week Four | He is Able to... Sustain You

QUESTIONS

How does Romans 8 describe the purpose and the promise of God in suffering?

How does Philippians 2 describe Paul's purpose and perseverance?

Which ideas most impacted your view of God and your understanding of yourself?

SO WHAT?

Who is suffering around you today and how might you be the sustaining power of Christ in their life in this moment?

Week Five

He is Able to... Reconcile You



READ

2 Corinthians 5.11-21 Ephesians 2.11-22

QUESTIONS

Do the above process, slowly seeking Him, deeply listening to His words, and journaling as you interact with the living God. This will take you longer than one sitting with God in His word in this passage.

What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What are the major conflicts Paul experienced in his life?

SO WHAT?

Who do you have the hardest time getting along with? Why?

Are there any lingering broken relationships in your life right now, and how do these passages speak to those relationships? What is the perceived outcome if you were to approach this person for reconciliation?

Who do you withhold blessing from, and particularly feel is beyond the grace of God and the gospel? What is the perceived outcome if you were to share good news with this person?

Week Five | He is Able to... Reconcile You

QUESTIONS

How does the gospel bring conflict and reconciliation?

How does our reconciliation with God impact our reconciliation with others?

SO WHAT?

What step of obedience is God calling you into, regardless of the perceived outcomes?

Week Six

He is Able to... Change Eternity



READ

Romans 10.1-17 2 Timothy 2.1-13

QUESTIONS

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What does it say?

What does it mean?

So what?

What are some of the "God sized" goals Paul is pursuing?

SO WHAT?

What are the limits you place on the work of God through you? Why?

What is your immediate sphere of influence, and how are you bringing the gospel to bear in that space?

Who are a few people that you could share with or teach the ways of Jesus to, and what would be your next step to do so?

Week Six | He is Able to... Change Eternity

QUESTIONS

How does reaching the world and focusing right where we are interact?

Read Acts 17-20. List the ways we see the power of God working through the people of God?

How does our faith interreact with God's power and His ultimate responsibility?

SO WHAT?

Dream about how these people might have their lives transformed, and their gifts empowered by God for His purposes. What would that look like in their lives and how might God work through them for His purposes and their joy.

Weeks Seven & Eight

QUESTIONS

Review: Seeing God Do the Impossible Through You



Dig more into the weeks and themes that most resonated with you. What has God shown you about dependance and faith? What excuses or barriers still linger in your life, obedience, faith? How has God exceeded your expectations, and glorified Himself, as you stepped by faith? Have you sought God's calling on what you are to give financially? Have you done so?

Where in your life do you need to obey, stepping by faith into the provision of God, to see Him do in or

through you above and beyond what you expect Him to be able to do?

Personal Daily Study

Following the below process, prayerfully read the scheduled passage of scripture. Work through all the 'Questions' for each week (positioned on the left, across two pages) before moving to the 'So What?' questions (positioned on the right, across two pages).

Spend the entire week on the given section, slowly reading and rereading it in order to deeply, and accurately, interact with God. Also consider the below supplemental questions per each given week. You can also check out our other simple guides online for additional Bible study resources at **thewellsilverspring.org/resources**.

What Does It Say?

First, we ask: "What does this say?"

Read the passage a few times and carefully observe the words; give full attention to what it says. The purpose is to saturate in the content of the passage.

Look for things such as: important words (what's being talked about), conjunctions (how is one idea connected to another), admonitions (something being commanded), contrasts, comparisons, illustrations, repeated phrases/words, mood, and grammatical construction (verb tenses, prepositional phrases, etc.).

Linger here, listening to what God is saying in the detail of His words. Write down questions that the passage raises for you, things you don't understand, ideas you'd like to pursue further.

What Does It Mean?

We now ask ourselves: "What does it mean?"

Use the observations you just gathered, the context of the section, and other passages of scripture to get at the meaning of what you have read.

Consider using <u>a commentary</u>, the <u>GROW</u> or <u>SOAP</u> Bible study tools, the <u>ESV Study Bible</u> notes, or other resources to help.

Next, summarize the main truth you heard from God in His word.

Consider writing out the synthesized truth in your own words. Outline, diagram, draw, or flowchart the line of thought or main idea of the passage. What jumped out?

So What?

Now we must ask: "So what"

After meeting God in His word, we cannot ignore, or walk away unchanged. Why does the truth you heard matter to you today?

Is there something new to believe, cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there something for you to do (or not do) in response to what you have read?

Is there someone with whom to share this truth (believer *or* nonbeliever)?

Do not forget to apply the gospel for your forgiveness, and as the reason compelling your obedience:

Christ is enough!

He has forgiven you for _____ and He is the reason why we ____

Resources

Here are some good resources to consider when getting to know God and growing to live for Christ.

Bibles & Commentaries

English Standard Version (ESV) Study Bible

The ESV Study Bible is a great resource - everyone should own one. Short commentary on each book of the Bible. You'll love this Bible for the passages above.

Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible

Online pdf is free and solid.

Online Media

BibleProject | bibleproject.com

Short videos on Paul's life in Luke/Acts are great.

They have solid videos for every book of the Bible, themes that flow through the Scriptures, and theology in general.

Christian Classics Ethereal Library | ccel.org

Online resource pool with tons of resources, a little much to sort through, but many are helpful.

Precept Austin | preceptaustin.org

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Together With Your 3D Group

Use the following format to discuss the passage together in your 3D group. Work through all the 'Questions' for each week (positioned on the left, across two pages) before moving to the 'So What?' questions (positioned on the right, across two pages).

You'll find the specific supplementary questions for the scripture passages in the above schedule. You can also find the full details for 3D discussion in our **3D Meeting Guide**. Here's a summary:

Bible

First, discuss the Bible passage from the week:

What does the passage say? What jumps out to you? What key ideas, commands, promises, words, ideas, etc, struck you this week?

- How would you summarize the main truth from the section? How might this inform your thinking and shape the way we are to live?
- Where is the gospel connected to this truth?
 What does this highlight about who we are, or about who God is?

Life

Share about how this truth impacts your life today:

For you today, why does this specifically matter?

Is there something God calling you to obey in response to His word?

Is there something you need to do or not do? Something to believe, promise to cling to, or a sin to confess?

Is there someone to share this truth with?

Prayer

Pray throughout your time together.

Offer praises to God when something encouraging is shared; ask for help from God as challenges are shared.

Close in prayer.

Spend time to respond to God's truth in the scriptures and from your conversation.

Praise Him.

Confess sin to Him.

Thank Him.

Ask Him for His power and provision.