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Impossibilities Can Be Great Opportunities



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—Charissa Swindoll Gaither

Excitement for the future opens doors to endless possibilities. Right now, I am meeting with many of Insight’s friends who have faithfully supported us to let them know about our future plans. Their positive feedback has been very inspiring!

Some are wondering about our next steps since Pastor Chuck has fewer years ahead of him than behind him. Their questions have fostered curiosity and openness. We are welcoming change and innovation with eagerness rather than fear. With commitment to our mission and big dreams, we are forging a new path with vigor; and all the excitement is fueling creativity, motivation, and a renewed sense of purpose.

One way we are building upon the foundation of Chuck’s Bible-teaching radio program is by making all of Chuck’s messages easily accessible across digital platforms. Chuck fully supports these efforts, which will enable us to minister to as many people as possible. He is empowering us to create a better and broader ministry for today and future generations.

In a rapidly changing world, Christ and His Word remain our focus and message. Christ is the one who inspires our plans. He is the one who knows our hearts. He is the one who guides our steps and gives us strength. He is the one who calls us to learn from past experiences, to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and to adapt to new circumstances with courage and determination.

We are navigating the path ahead with confidence, resilience, and a steadfast belief in the endless possibilities that the future holds. Chuck and Cynthia could not be more excited about where Christ is taking Insight for Living Ministries!

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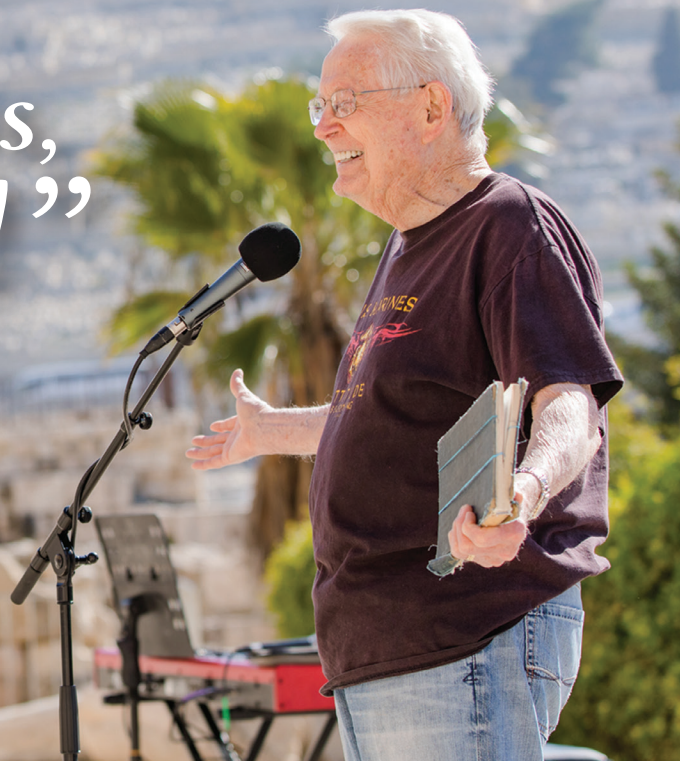


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When Jesus Says, “Go for It!”



by Pastor Chuck Swindoll

He was relaxing on the shoreline, vacationing in The Bahamas, when a restless crowd began assembling at the end of a nearby pier. Unable to restrain his curiosity, the man walked over to investigate the cause of the commotion.

He reached the gathering and noticed through the hubbub a young guy organizing his supplies and making final preparations in his homemade boat. He had his eyes set on nothing less than a solo journey. Around the island? No! **Around the world!**

It seemed that every person surrounding him spewed negativity. “What about food?” “What about the broiling sun?” “Do you think your dinky little boat can withstand the ocean’s towering waves?” Then, of course, came the self-appointed prophets who declared, “You’ll never make it!”

All those discouraging remarks chafed the vacationer. An urge began welling inside him to offer some enthusiastic encouragement.

As the young man launched his craft into the deep unknown, the quiet vacationer rushed to the front of the crowd, waving his arms and shouting to the adventurer, “Bon voyage! We’re WITH you! We’re PROUD of you!”

I just love that story.

Now, let’s be honest. Had you been on that pier, which of the voices would you have joined?

I think it’s true that most of us struggle to see beyond the dangers, difficulties, and risks. We strain to imagine the fun, the discoveries, the character tests, the incredible and mind-expanding opportunities that lay ahead. To those on the cusp of some epochal venture, very few would offer a hearty, “**Go for it!**”

This seafaring story comes to mind when I think about the little, first-century church in Philadelphia and the message Jesus sent them in Revelation 3:7–13. Not much seemed positive and hopeful for this group of believers who had little status and influence.

In fact, the Philadelphian church was the least significant compared to the other six churches in Revelation 2–3. They lacked the riches of Laodicea, the history and heritage of Ephesus, and the famed faithfulness of Smyrna. Plus, persecution was pounding them to a pulp.

Then, suddenly, the promising words of Jesus cut through all the negativity:

“I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word and did not deny me.”

(Revelation 3:8)

Closed doors were blocking the Philadelphian assembly everywhere they turned, but Christ pointed

their attention toward a new door that He had opened—a whole new realm of fresh possibilities for this little church.

Philadelphia was the geographic gateway to the East, sitting at the crossroads of several languages, cultures, and people groups. From an evangelistic perspective, this small-yet-dynamic church had great opportunities for ministry.

The truth is that when all we see are closed doors to passageways that seemed so obvious and easy, Christ is at work opening doors to other passageways.

But here's the struggle for us. His opportunities are often disguised as impossibilities—less desirable and more difficult to enter. Our tendency is to see the risks rather than embrace the challenge.

Jesus sent a letter to the church in Philadelphia to shift their focus from *what is* to *what could be*, to help them envision the adventures that lay ahead, and to urge them to, **“Go for it!”**

Many lost souls right in front of them desperately needed to hear the gospel and experience the love of God in Christ. The Philadelphian believers were the ones to make that happen.

All this leads me to one question . . . “What’s the open door that is disguised as an impossibility in your life?”

The impossibility might be starting a business, repairing a relationship, staying at a tough job, caring for your parents, taking a nice vacation, launching a church small group, or funding a ministry project. No matter what it is, remember these applications as you reflect on this question.

Allow your impossible situation to:

- 1. Turn your attention away from yourself and back to God**
- 2. Prompt your faith so that you trust God completely**

Some of you likely have multiple impossible situations in your life. Negative voices are ringing in your ears wanting you to stop, to run, to mope, to give up. Don't. Doors of magnificent opportunities are often disguised as impossible situations. Jesus is right there with you, urging you to, **“Go for it!”**

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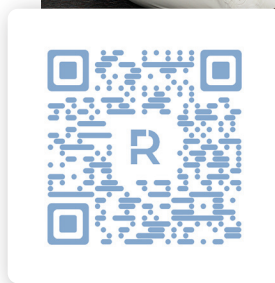


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