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- Prepping to grow or dwindle?

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- Too many readily accept mediocre

**Edward Church** 

February 24, 2019

### Are You Dreaming Big Enough? -pt2

lsa 54:2

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#### The Choice is Ours...

- Mediocre = (med= Get By)
- Excellent (excel= Go Beyond)

### God Called Israel to Excel... ...They Chose to Get By ...They Lost Their Freedom ...They Didn't Lose Grace

# God is fixing the broken pieces of your life.

**Get ready for restoration!** 

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### **Get ready for restoration!**

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes." Isa 54:2 Extreme Time in Israel's History • Some Going Into Captivity • Some Coming Out of Captivity

All Got this Challenge



# SEEING GOD

- Everything About this Verse Speaks of Increase
- Nothing that Encourages Us to Maintain the Status Quo... ...But to Enlarge Our Perspective of God
- Some People See God as Limiting and Controlling...
  ...As If His Nature Is to Hold Us Back
  Nothing Could Be Further from the Truth

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Paul Isn't Talking About Heaven in this Passage. All Throughout the Bible, ...God Is Calling His People ...to Expand and Stretch, ...to Believe for More.

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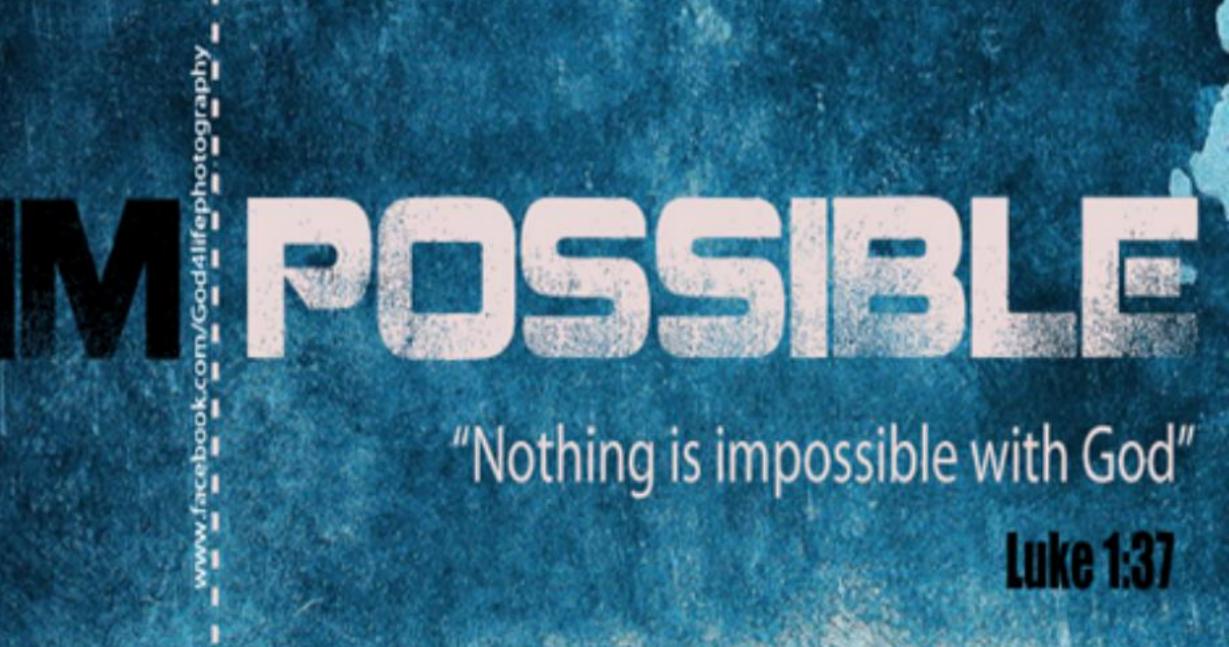




### **ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD**

# Who brings the dead back to life and Who creates new things out of nothing

- God told Abraham, "I'm going to make you the father of many nations...your descendants will be more than the stars in the sky."
- Declared While He and Sarah were Barren and Childless
  ...But God Calls Things That are Not as They as They Were
- God had Plans to Make Joseph Second in Command of Greatest Nation on the Earth While Just a Young Boy In A Desert.
   ...But Got Used a Pit, Potiphar, Prison to Develop a Ruler and Go to the Palace!



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 God Sent Samuel to Anoint David King... ...But He Kept Herding Sheep God Gave Him a Problem - Goliath... oGoliath was Destroying Saul... oBut Goliath Developed David... oWithout a Goliath in David's' Life... ... He May Have Never Become King

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#### Look at that Verse Again:

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes."

- It's like God is saying, "I can't fit what I want to do in your life in the space you have now. So, I need you to stretch.
- You're Not Thinking BIG enough. You're Not Dreaming BIG enough. I Need You to Make Some Room for What I Want to Do In You – and Through You!"
- Let Me Ask You. Are You Dreaming Big Enough?
- When was the Last Time You Believed God for Something So Big that If Someone Else Heard About It They Would Think You're Crazy?

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