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Mission Possible: Unlikely Hero - Jesus

TEXT: Philippians 2:5-11

The end of last year the Lord told us that in 2019 the Mission is Possible: Together we can. Last week we began looking at Unlikely Heroes in the Bible and we had a great time learning about a woman, Rahab who went from Harlot to being a Hero of Faith, and what that means for US!

Today, as we celebrate the Resurrection, we are going to look at the Hero of our Faith, JESUS!

It was an impossible mission... and the impossible nature of the mission is what made Jesus an unlikely hero.

❖ **He had an impossible birth** – Virgin Birth Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-35

- He wasn't the 1st impossible birth but was the most impossible
 - Abraham & Sarah Genesis 17:17 & 21:1
 - God has a track record of the Impossible becoming possible. No matter your age, God will do miracles in your life if you'll just let Him.

Note: The things He's given us to do, no matter how impossible it may seem, He will see you through!

- Isaac/Rebekah Gen 25:21, Jacob/Rachel Gen 30:22, Shunammite woman 2Kings4, Samson Jdg13:2, Hannah 1Sa1:5, Elizabeth Luke 1:7, etc...
- But His was different. Jesus is the only VIRGIN birth.

❖ **HE told the enemy He was coming!** Genesis 3:15

- Then over and over again through the prophets. Psalm 22:16,
 - There was no surprise attack. (Micah 5:2, Gen 12:3, Is 9:7, Num 24:17, Ps 22:16, Zec12:10, Is 53:5-12, Ps 16:10, Ps 49:15, Ps 24:7-10, etc...)

❖ **Jesus still made His way behind enemy lines**

- God became man. Philippians 2:5-7, John 1:14
- Martin Luther described his reaction to the incarnation this way: *"When I am told that God became man, I can follow the idea, but I just do not understand what it means. For what man, if left to his natural promptings, if he were God, would humble himself to lie in the feedbox of a donkey or to hang upon a cross?"*

❖ **He had an Impossible Mission** "to seek & save that which was lost" Luke 19:10, Luke 4:16

❖ **He received an Exemplary Conduct award - Sinless life**

- Devil tried to thwart it. (Temptation) Mk 1:13, Lk 4:13, John 17
 - Jesus did not live a life void of temptation. Hebrews 4:15 He just overcame ALL temptation and lived a life void of SIN!

- ❖ **Captured by the enemy** – at least that's how the Devil saw it.
 - ❖ **Obediently suffered for us.** Philippians 2:8, Isaiah 52:14
 - ❖ **Sentenced to die and killed by the enemy.**
 - ❖ **Outsmarted the enemy** – 1 Corinthians 2:8
 - ❖ **Raised from the dead! Ascended on high.** Luk 24:1-7, Eph 1:19-20
- For something to be resurrected it must first be dead.

- The Bible says man without Christ is dead in sin. Eph 2:1, Eph 2:5
- But though we were dead in sin Christ has made us alive with HIM & forgiven all our trespasses. Col 2:13, 1Co 15:36
 - **What things in your past are you keeping on life-support that you need to let die so that you can experience HIS LIFE in its fullness in that area?**
 - For we have been crucified with Christ. Gal 2:20

His Impossible Mission has made every Mission Possible

- ❖ **Jesus WON!** With every circumstance in the natural and every scheme of the enemy against Him. Anything that could come against Him did... Yet He overcame.
- ❖ **Because He overcame you can overcome through Him too.**
 - He defeated the enemy. Colossians 2:15
 - We are raised up to sit with Him in that victory. Eph 2:6
 - His resurrection released us from the fear of death. Heb 2:15
 - Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him, AND We too in Him triumph over death. Philippians 1:21
- ❖ **"We are more than conquerors"...** Romans 8:37
 - Jesus became THE GREATEST HERO of all time & now you and I can be everyday heroes to those around us.
 - By sharing the Love of God
 - By sharing the Gospel Message of JESUS. 1 Cor 15:1-6
- ❖ **In Him we have overcome...** and we can overcome everyday "...by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of Our testimony." Rev 12:11
 - We become HEROES when we identify with HIM.
 - Blood of the Lamb – Purchase Price. 1 Cor 6:20
 - Our Identification with Him declares VICTORY