



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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The God of the Impossible

Amy Brockman worked as a ski instructor for the more prestigious ski areas in the world. This allowed her to train for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team while earning a living.

One day a beginning skier accidentally skied into Amy, knocking her into the path of the lift chair. The operator didn't see it happen until it was too late. The chair knocked Amy off balance. She fell off the platform and broke her neck.

At the hospital, the doctors told Amy, "*You'll never walk again, much less ski.*"

But while she was in the hospital, one scripture kept going through Amy's mind: "*Nothing is impossible with God*" (**Luke 1:37**).

She prayed: "*Lord, I need your help to get through this.*"

Amy got out of the hospital but was confined to a wheelchair. But she worked hard at her therapy. One day she took just one step and fell on the second step. Her therapist rushed to help her up. She said, leave me alone for a while. God wants me on my knees. And there, in the therapy room, she prayed for strength.

She then managed to push herself up to her feet and take another step. Then a second step. She fell on the third. Once again, from her knees, she prayed for strength. This is how it went for six months. In the seventh month, she finally was able to walk the distance of two city blocks without falling. Then, once again, she lowered herself to her knees and prayed and thanked God for his help.

Today, Amy is skiing and teaching skiing at another resort. Every day, she tells people that God is the God of the impossible. And that he can rebuild broken lives.

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God is in Control!

When the Israelites were escaping from slavery with the Egyptians in hot pursuit, they stopped at the Red Sea. It seemed they were now between a rock and a hard place. But Moses said to the people, “*Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today*” (**Exod. 14:13**). God then parted the Red Sea so that the Israelites crossed it safely and then it closed on the advancing Egyptians. In essence, Moses’ words to them were: “*Don’t worry. We are right where God wants us to be. God is in control. Trust in Him. Just you wait and see.*”

Friends, this is a message that needs to resonate well within us today – God is in control. It doesn’t matter what is happening in the economy. It doesn’t matter what the election results are. It doesn’t matter what immoralities are now being allowed by law. God is in control.

As children of God, we need to rest assured that our destiny is secure if we are faithful to Him. God is powerful and very much in control. He will never have a shortage of strength or need a bail out from the government. He will protect His own and guide them properly. Nothing can change that – and nothing else should matter.

And still we fret and worry about our lives. But Jesus said, “*Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life*” (**Matt. 6:25**). And still we grumble and complain about things not going to our liking. But Paul said through inspiration, “*Do all things without complaining*” (**Phil. 2:14**). And still we waste time and resources trying to rectify matters beyond our control. And God says, “*As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand*” (**Isa. 24:14**).

Look at it this way. God’s job is to keep control of the situation – and He’s always on the job. Our job is to trust in Him and praise Him all the day long. Someone once noted “*Things don’t always go our way, but they always go God’s way – and His way is best.*”

“*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths*” (**Pro. 3:5-6**).

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