

Series: I'm Possible

Sermon Title: When God Makes A Way

Scripture: Exodus 14:10–31

Miracle: The Red Sea Divided

Main Thought: When people see no way, God can make a way.

Dear Church Family, Happy Father's day to all Dads, today we are continuing our sermon series called I'm Possible. This series reminds us again and again that what looks impossible to people is possible with God. Until now we have looked at many miracles of Jesus from the New Testament. We saw Jesus bring transformation, healing, provision, freedom, light, life, and restoration. Today, for a change, we are going back to the Old Testament. We are going to look at one of the greatest miracles in the Bible. It is the miracle of the Red Sea divided into two. The people of Israel were trapped. The Red Sea was in front of them. Pharaoh and his army were behind them. Mountains and wilderness were around them. They had no road, no bridge, no boat, no army strong enough to fight Pharaoh, and no human plan to escape. To them it looked impossible. But that is the place where God showed His power. The title of today's message is When God Makes A Way. This title is powerful because many times in life we come to places where we do not know what to do. We may say, I cannot go forward. I cannot go back. I cannot stay where I am. I do not know how this will work out. Some people are standing before a Red Sea of family problems. Some are standing before a Red Sea of financial pressure. Some are standing before a Red Sea of health concerns. Some are standing before a Red Sea of immigration issues, job struggles, emotional pain, children's problems, marriage struggles, spiritual battles, or fear about the future. But the word of God tells us that when we see no way, God can make a way. Exodus 14 shows us that God is not limited by what we see. God is not limited by human strength. God is not limited by the enemy's plan. God is not limited by closed doors. God is not limited by the sea. When God decides to deliver His people, even the waters must obey Him. The Red Sea was not a surprise to God. Pharaoh's army was not stronger than God. The fear of the people did not cancel the promise of God. God brought Israel out of Egypt, and He was not going to leave them at the sea. The same God who brought them out was able to bring them through. That is the message for us today. The God who brought you this far will not leave you now. The God who started the work is able to complete the work. The God who opened doors before can open a way again. What people call impossible, God can make possible.

1. God Can Lead You To A Place Where Only He Can Help You

The first thing we see in this story is that God can lead you to a place where only

He can help you. The people of Israel did not come to the Red Sea by mistake. They were following the direction of God. God had brought them out of Egypt with mighty signs and wonders. He had delivered them from slavery. He had shown His power through the plagues. He had protected them through the blood of the Passover lamb. He had led them out with a strong hand. But now they were standing in front of the Red Sea. This is important because sometimes we think that if we are following God, we will never face hard places. But the Bible shows us something different. The people were following God, and still they came to the sea. They were in the will of God, and still they faced an impossible situation. So do not think every hard place means you are outside God's will. Sometimes obedience leads us to a place where only God can help us. Sometimes God allows us to reach the end of our strength so we can see the beginning of His power. Sometimes God allows the road to close so we can see Him open a way that no one else can open. Israel had no answer, but God had a plan. Israel saw a sea, but God saw a road. Israel saw danger, but God saw deliverance. Israel saw a dead end, but God saw a doorway. Dear Church, there are times when God allows us to stand in front of a Red Sea so that we will know He alone is God. If everything is easy, we may depend on ourselves. If every door is already open, we may not see His hand. If every problem is small, we may trust only our own wisdom. But when we stand before something too big for us, then we learn to depend on God. This does not mean God wants to harm us. It means God wants to reveal His glory. God did not bring Israel to the Red Sea to destroy them. He brought them there to show them that He is their Deliverer. The Red Sea was not the end of their story. It was the place where they would see the power of God. In the same way, the hard place you are facing may not be the end. It may become the place where you see God move. The place that makes you cry may become the place where you worship. The place that looks blocked may become the place where God opens a way. The place that looks like defeat may become the place of victory. Maybe you are in a place where your strength is not enough. Maybe you are saying, I do not know what to do next. Maybe every option looks closed. Maybe people cannot help you. Maybe money cannot solve it. Maybe your wisdom is not enough. But if God is with you, the story is not over. The Red Sea is not bigger than God. Pharaoh is not stronger than God. The wilderness is not too empty for God. God can lead you through what you cannot handle by yourself. That is why we must not panic when we reach the impossible place. The impossible place is often the place where God reveals that He is possible.

2. **Fear Looks At The Enemy, But Faith Looks At God**

The second thing we see is that fear looks at the enemy, but faith looks at God. Exodus 14 says when the people of Israel saw Pharaoh and his army coming near, they were very afraid. They cried out to the Lord, and they complained to Moses. They said, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us out here to die?" Fear made them speak against the very deliverance God had given them. Fear made them forget what God had already done. They had seen God's power in Egypt. They had seen the plagues. They had seen the Passover. They had seen God bring them out. But when they saw Pharaoh coming, fear filled their hearts. This is what fear does. Fear makes the enemy look bigger than God. Fear makes the problem look bigger than the promise. Fear makes us forget yesterday's miracle because of today's pressure. Fear speaks quickly. Fear says, It is over. Fear says, You will not make it. Fear says, God has forgotten you. Fear says, You should have stayed in Egypt. Fear says, The past was better than this pressure. But faith speaks differently. Faith says, God brought me out, and God will bring me through. Faith says, The enemy is behind me, but God is before me. Faith says, I may not see a way, but God can make a way. The people looked back and saw Pharaoh. They looked forward and saw the sea. But they needed to look up and trust God. Some of us are like that today. We look behind and see past failures. We look ahead and see impossible problems. We look around and see no help. But we must look to God. Fear will always show you what is coming against you. Faith will remind you who is standing with you. Fear will say, Look at Pharaoh. Faith will say, Look at God. Fear will say, Look at the sea. Faith will say, The Lord will make a way. Moses spoke to the people and said, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord." These words are powerful. Do not be afraid. Stand still. See the salvation of the Lord. Moses was not telling them to be careless. He was telling them to stop panicking. Sometimes panic makes us speak wrong, think wrong, and move wrong. Panic can make us run back to the place God delivered us from. Panic can make us doubt God's promise. Panic can make us complain against the people God is using to lead us. But God says, Do not be afraid. Stand still. See what I will do. Standing still does not mean doing nothing in unbelief. It means standing in faith while God works. It means holding your peace when fear wants you to speak. It means trusting God when your eyes cannot see the answer yet. It means refusing to go back to Egypt just because the journey became hard. Egypt may look safe when the sea is in front of you, but Egypt was slavery. Do not return to what God delivered you from just because the next step looks hard. Many people do that. When pressure comes, they want to go back to old habits, old thinking, old relationships, old anger, old fear, old bondage, old

ways. But God did not bring you out so you could go back. He brought you out so He could bring you through.

3. **God Can Open What No Person Can Open**

The third thing we see is that God can open what no person can open. God told Moses to lift up his rod and stretch out his hand over the sea. Then the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and the waters were divided. The children of Israel went into the middle of the sea on dry ground, and the waters were like a wall on their right hand and on their left. This is the miracle. The sea that blocked them became the road that carried them. The water that looked like a problem became a wall of protection. The place where there was no way became the way. Only God can do that. People can build roads on land, but God can make a road through the sea. People can open doors, but God can open waters. People can give advice, but God can change the situation. People can encourage you, but God can make the impossible possible. God does not need a bridge when He can open the sea. Dear Church, when God makes a way, it may not look like what we expected. Israel may have expected God to remove Pharaoh. They may have expected God to lead them another direction. They may have expected God to stop the army far away. But God opened the sea. Sometimes God's answer comes in a way we did not expect. Do not limit God to your plan. Do not think God can only help you one way. God has many ways. He can open a door. He can change a heart. He can send help. He can give wisdom. He can give peace. He can close one way and open a better way. He can use what you thought was blocking you to bless you. The people had to walk through the sea. That means after God opened the way, they had to take steps of faith. God opened the sea, but they had to walk. Faith is not only what we say. Faith is also how we step when God gives direction. They had to walk between walls of water. Think about that. The water was on both sides, but they had to keep moving. Sometimes even after God opens the way, the journey still requires trust. We may say, Lord, I believe You opened this door, but I still feel nervous. Lord, I believe You are leading me, but I still see water on both sides. Lord, I believe You are making a way, but I still need courage to walk. That is faith. Faith is not always the absence of fear. Faith is walking forward because God has spoken. The Bible says they walked on dry ground. God did not make a muddy path. He made dry ground. That means God did not only open the sea; He made the road ready for His people. When God makes a way, He knows how to carry you through. He knows how to provide what you need for the journey. He knows how to hold back what could destroy you. He knows how to make your feet steady. Someone today needs to hear this. The sea in front of

you can open. The door that looks closed can open. The problem that looks too big can move. The situation that looks impossible can change. God is able to make a way. But when He opens the way, you must be willing to walk. Do not stand at the shore forever. Do not only talk about faith. Step into what God is opening. Step into obedience. Step into prayer. Step into forgiveness. Step into the calling. Step into the next season. Step into the promise. The God who opens the sea will help you walk through it.

4. God Can Turn The Place Of Pressure Into The Place Of Victory

The fourth thing we see is that God can turn the place of pressure into the place of victory. Pharaoh and his army followed Israel into the sea. The same path Israel walked through became the place where the enemy was defeated. God troubled the army of Egypt. The wheels of their chariots came off. Then God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea again, and the waters returned. Pharaoh's army was covered by the sea, but the children of Israel were safe on the other side. What looked like Israel's trap became Egypt's defeat. What looked like Israel's end became their new beginning. What looked like danger became deliverance. This is the power of God. God can use the same place that pressured you as the place where He gives you victory. The Red Sea was not only opened to save Israel. It also closed to defeat the enemy. God knows how to finish what He starts. He does not only bring people out. He brings people through. He does not only begin deliverance. He completes deliverance. The people who were crying in fear became people standing on the other side with a testimony. They saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. They saw the great work of the Lord. And the Bible says the people feared the Lord and believed the Lord and His servant Moses. Their fear of Pharaoh became faith in God. Their crying became worship. Their problem became a testimony. Dear Church, this is what God can do in our lives. The place where you felt trapped can become the place where you learn to trust God. The place where you cried can become the place where you sing. The place where you thought it was over can become the place where God gives a new beginning. The place where the enemy tried to destroy you can become the place where God shows His glory. Do not judge your situation too early. At the beginning of the chapter, Israel looked trapped. At the end of the chapter, Israel was free. At the beginning, the sea was a problem. At the end, the sea was part of the miracle. At the beginning, Pharaoh looked strong. At the end, Pharaoh was defeated. At the beginning, the people were afraid. At the end, they believed. God can change the story in one chapter. God can change the report in one moment. God can change the road in one night. God can make a way where there is no way. This miracle also points us to Jesus.

Israel passed through the Red Sea from slavery into freedom. Through Jesus, we pass from sin into new life. The Red Sea was a place of deliverance for Israel. The cross is the place of deliverance for us. God opened the sea for His people, and Jesus opened the way to the Father for us. The God who opened the Red Sea is the same God who opened the grave. If He can make a way through the sea, He can make a way through your impossible situation.

5. Conclusion

As we close today, remember the story. Israel was trapped, but God was not trapped. Israel had no way, but God made a way. Israel was afraid, but God was faithful. Israel saw the sea, but God saw a road. Israel heard Pharaoh behind them, but God was leading them forward. This is the message for us today. When you see no way, God can make a way. When the enemy is behind you and the sea is before you, God is still with you. When people say it is impossible, God can say, Move forward. Do not go back to Egypt. Do not return to old fear. Do not return to old bondage. Do not return to old habits. Do not return to the place God delivered you from. Stand in faith. Listen to God. Move forward when He opens the way. Maybe today you are standing before the Red Sea. Maybe you are facing pressure, fear, confusion, or a closed door. Bring it to God. Trust Him. He can open what no person can open. He can lead you through what you cannot cross by yourself. He can turn pressure into victory. He can turn a dead end into a doorway. He can turn fear into faith. He can turn your story into a testimony. The word for today is simple. God will make a way. Not because we are strong, but because He is God. Not because we have the answer, but because He has all the power. Not because the sea is small, but because God is greater. What looks impossible to people is possible with God. May the LORD bless you!