

# Facing the Giants In Marriage

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## Attempt the Impossible for Your Marriage

### Philippians 4:12ff The Overcoming Covenant

<sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> *I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

- > We are all aware of the impossible situations, that's OK
- > Our covenant marriage vows are all impossible:

I, **GROOM** take you, **BRIDE**, in covenant, to be my wedded wife; and I do promise, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

I, **BRIDE**, take you, **GROOM**, in covenant, to be my wedded husband, and I do promise, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful wife, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

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### Let's Talk About It: How Big are the Giants?

1. What are some common reactions when someone faces an obstacle?
2. What is the cost of attempting the impossible?  
For you? For your marriage? For your family?
3. What roll does fear play when we "see" the giants?

### Fear + Faith = Accepting His Plan Luke 1:34ff

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called <sup>a</sup> the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For nothing is impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

- > There are times where even God's plans seem impossible.
- > Mary's *giants* appeared as soon as she said "YES" to God.
  - When we are born-again our minds are renewed and *worldly giants appear*.
  - >Our marriages start reflecting His plan **not** our needs only.
  - >The servant attitude is impossible without a renewed mind.
  - >Romans 12:2ff
  - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

### Fear is Overcome by Love 1 John 4:16

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

- >We are empowered to love (1 Corinthians 13) in the impossible situations.
- > Empowered love let's us see His glory not ours, and not our failure
- > Failure isolates us in relationships. Communication stops, emotions are restricted, and vision is all but gone.
- > Loving our spouse is His love through us. We are transformed from our old self to the earthen vessel to do the impossible. We have a sacred marriage.

### Game ON!

#### **1. Overcoming impossible Communication:**

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free" John 8:32

#### **2. Overcoming impossible Emotions:**

"Above all things have a fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

#### **3. Overcoming impossible Forgiveness:**

" See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all" 1 Thess. 5:15

#### **4. Overcoming impossible Children**

" The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him." Prov. 21:7

#### **5. Overcoming impossible Finances:**

" But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well." Matt 6:33

#### **6. Overcoming impossible Destructive Behavior:**

" Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil". Ephesians 6:10-11 ( Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the Word)

#### **7. Overcoming impossible Infidelity and Immorality:**

"Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband." 1 Corth 7:2

#### **Overcoming the impossible:**

"Those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint." Ish 40:31

