



What's Possible?

Matthew 19:26 – *“Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.”*

In the news, last week:

“A woman who was diagnosed as being brain dead has recovered three days after her husband begged doctors to put in a breathing tube before switching off a ventilator at an Australian hospital, the Northern Territory News reported Wednesday.

Gloria Cruz, 56, underwent brain surgery after a tumor was discovered when she suffered a stroke on March 7 and was rushed to the Royal Darwin Hospital in Darwin, Northern Territory.

Doctors told her husband Tani Cruz, 51, the case was “hopeless” and she would probably die within 48 hours following the surgery.

After two weeks, a breathing tube was inserted in Mrs. Cruz's mouth and the ventilator was turned off. Hospital staff was stunned when she woke from her coma three days later.

When a doctor recommended that the ventilator be removed and Gloria Cruz be allowed to die, her husband told them, “I'm a Christian -- I believe in miracles.”

“I told him that God knows how much I love her -- that I don't want her to suffer but I don't want her to leave us,” he said.

A doctor described her recovery as “a miracle.”

Mrs. Cruz is now alert and getting around in a wheelchair at the hospital.

“She's well on the way to recovery,” her husband said.

What doctors thought impossible, happened. Does it always? No. Should I listen to my doctor? Of course you should. However, you should be aware that the impossible happens frequently in the lives of people. Where our human reason tells us that something is impossible, (it cannot happen), we find that God has changed the natural course of events and proves again that He is God. Why and when does this occur? We don't know the answer. However, as we look at Scripture, we see that again and again our God tells us to trust in Him, and He can do it. **Zechariah 8:6** speaks about God making the impossible possible. And the Gospel writers, **Mark (10:27)** and **Luke (18:27)** mirror what **Matthew 19:26** says. And **Matthew 17:20** even speaks about what makes the impossible possible: Faith.

What is possible for JOY? Do we resign ourselves to failure? Or can we see that God wants us to do mighty things for Him? I'm not talking about being a mega-church, but about fulfilling the vision that He gave us to connect people to Jesus, to grow closer to Him and each other, and to serve Him by serving others. Is it impossible? Or do we ask God in faith to show us what's possible.

Give yourself to God's work through JOY and see what He will do with it!