

When Life Gives You a Mission Impossible

Lessons from the Life of Isaiah

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Stop at 1:31 after the words, "None of us can be bigger than the mission." It would be great to get those words to come across the screen big and bold when he says them.

1) Just because you are a Christian does not assure that everything you do will succeed

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving. 'Make the heart of this people calloused; make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed.'" Isaiah 6:9,10

Then I said, "For how long, Lord?" Isaiah 6:11

And he answered: "Until the cities lie ruined and without inhabitant, until the houses are left deserted and the fields ruined and ravaged, until the Lord has sent everyone far away and the land is utterly forsaken. Isaiah 6:11-12

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way. James 1:2-4

God is not nearly as concerned with where his people are going as who they will be when they get there. John Ortberg

2) When life gives you an impossible mission, you have to learn to wait it out

*Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!
Isaiah 30:18*

For since the world began, no ear has heard, and no eye has seen a God like you, who works for those who wait for him! Isaiah 64:4

Those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31

3) When life gives you an impossible mission, don't assume God's forgotten about you

Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Isaiah 40:27

*"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
Isaiah 49:15*