

In God's Presence~ Day 7



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In God's Presence there is Courage~ Nancy Silver

Today we are joined by Nancy Silver with an encouraging word about courage. Many parts of our lives require courage. We pray that you discover that, with God, courage abounds, fear is squashed, and mountains are indeed surmountable.

Nancy writes,

Finances were a stronghold that the enemy held over me. Fear of not enough, the fear consumed me and affected my life in such negative ways.

I cannot tell you the stress I felt with debt mounting, my husband working 7 days a week, to just get by. I kept praying to God to fix this financial burden. I would tell God to bring my husband, Bill to a job that was just Monday thru Friday, about \$25 an hour and one he loved. I kept telling God how to answer the pray—but it felt like my prayers were falling on deaf ears. I now know, God just had me in a waiting time for me to learn to trust with all my heart, no matter how much I didn't understand and to allow him to make straight my path.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverb 3:5-6

In the fall of 2013, I was participating in the Proverbs 31 OBS Thursday night Facebook Live event called REV IT UP. Activities were posted during this time and one prompted me to write my biggest burden on the top of an index card and underneath put this verse:



But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26 (ESV)

I did the assignment and put the card aside. The following February I was cleaning off my desk and found the index card. I was frustrated by not receiving an answer from God, so I decided to try something. Every day I would read the card, no telling God HOW to do the impossible but just trusting him to give HIS best answer to this impossible situation.

God answered that prayer in a way I could not have ever imagined. I was handed a check for \$680,000 dollars on Monday, April 7, 2014. God's answer to my prayer was so much better than what I could have imagined.

It took great courage to STOP telling God how to answer my prayers. I wanted control, I knew best and I wanted things done my way.

It also took great courage to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit and not save any of that windfall. God was telling my husband and I to invest in people. We live simply but always have enough because now we have the courage to trust God.

~Nancy



Today's Prayer:

Lord, When situations seem impossible to manage please take over. Give us the courage to let go of our own strength and grasp hold of yours. Amen

Further Study:

Read Ephesians 3:20-21

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

How much is God able to do?

What is at work within us?

Read 1 Samuel 17:37. Who does David proclaim will rescue him?

