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**“God asks us to attempt the improbable so that He can do the impossible.”**

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**Make every request of God based on His perfect character.**

#### **James 1:6 (TPT)**

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## God's Character Guarantees That:

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Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."

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### Become stable in my faith.

#### James 1:7-8 (TPT)

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## Rock Solid Faith

### Psalms 18:2 (NLT)

The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.

Read God's Word | Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

Obey God's Will | Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Choose God's Path | Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)

Know God's Purposes | Proverbs 16:4a (TPT)

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### Rejoice over all God has and has not given me.

#### James 1:9 (TPT)

The believer who is poor still has reasons to boast, for he has been placed on high.

#### Philippians 4:10-13 (TPT)

My heart overflows with joy when I think of how you demonstrated love to me by your financial support of my ministry. For even though you have so little, you still continue to help me at every opportunity. I'm not telling you this because I'm in need, for I have learned to be satisfied in any circumstance. I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty.

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### **Admit that everything I have belongs to God.**

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### **Cling to the stuff of Heaven, not the things of Earth.**

#### **James 1:11 (MSG)**

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**Stuff of Heaven – "Only two things will last forever" ...**

- **God's Word**
- **God's People**

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### **Expect true happiness after tough circumstances.**

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If your faith remains strong, even while surrounded by life's difficulties, you will continue to experience the untold blessings of God! True happiness comes as you pass the test with faith, and receive the victorious crown of life promised to every lover of God!

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