PASTOR RICK'S DAILY HOPE

WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

Unshakable! Thriving No Matter What They Throw at You
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"Nobody anywhere can do what you ask. . . . What you're asking is impossible."
Daniel 2:10-11 (MSG)

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT PREDICTING THE FUTURE

1. _____

"No one can tell the future." Ecclesiastes 8:7 (CEV)

2. **ALL PSYCHIC & MEDIUMS** _____

God: *"I make fools of fortunetellers and frustrate the predictions of astrologers . . . their 'wisdom' is foolishness."* Isaiah 44:25 (GNT)

God: *"I will be against anyone who goes to mediums and fortune-tellers for advice, because that person is being unfaithful to me. So I will cut him off."*
Leviticus 20:6 (NCV)

3. **THE TEST OF A TRUE PROPHET OF GOD IS** _____

"You may say to yourselves, 'How can we know when a message has not been spoken by the Lord?' If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the Lord does not take place or come true, that is a message the Lord has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously, so do not be alarmed." Deuteronomy 18:21-22 (NIV)

"'Check these witches' words against the Word of God!' he says. 'If their messages are different than mine, it is because I have not sent them; for they have no light or truth in them.'" Isaiah 8:20 (TLB)

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

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"When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion." Daniel 2:14 (NLT)

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"He asked Arioch, 'Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?' So Arioch told him all that had happened." Daniel 2:15 (NLT)

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"Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant." Daniel 2:16 (NLT)

4. _____

"Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed." Daniel 2:17-18 (NLT)

5. _____

God: *"Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own."* Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)

"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will gladly give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord." James 1:5-7 (NLT)

6. _____

"During the night God explained the secret to Daniel in a vision. Daniel said: 'Praise God forever and ever.'" Daniel 2:19 (NCV)

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"Then he praised the God who rules from heaven: 'Our God, your name will be praised forever and forever. You are all-powerful, and you know everything.'"
Daniel 2:19-20 (CEV)

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"You control human events—you give rulers their power and take it away, and you are the source of wisdom and knowledge. You explain deep mysteries, because even the dark is light to you. You are the God who was worshiped by my ancestors." Daniel 2:21-23 (CEV)

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"I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what I asked for and revealed to me what the king demanded." Daniel 2:23 (NLT)

7. _____

"Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, whom the king had ordered to execute the wise men of Babylon. Daniel said to him, 'Don't kill the wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him the meaning of his dream.'" Daniel 2:24 (NLT)

8. _____

Daniel: *"No wise man, magician, or fortune-teller can explain to the king the secret he has asked about. But there is a God in heaven who explains secret things, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen at a later time. . . . God also told this secret to me, not because I have greater wisdom than any other living person, but so that you may know what it means."* Daniel 2:27-30 (NCV)