

and enjoy delicious cake.

God used my mixing-bowl musings to clarify a dilemma I once had after starting a neighbourhood Bible study. It was one thing to bring my neighbours together to study the Bible, but seeing them believe and follow Christ was another. I felt powerless. Suddenly I saw the obvious. Like baking cakes, making Christians was impossible for me, but not for God. I had blended the right ingredients--an open home, friendship, love. Now I had to trust the Holy Spirit, through His Word, to do His work. When I cooperated with that division of labor, I had the joy of seeing others taste of God's goodness.

In Luke 18:18-27, Jesus so vividly described some hindrances to saving faith that His listeners began to wonder if anyone could be saved. Do you feel that way about someone? Be encouraged by the Lord's strong reminder that there are some things that only God can do. Saving people is one of them. --JEY

*The Lord's the only one who can  
Transform a person's heart;  
But when we share God's saving truth,  
We play a crucial part. --Sper*

**We sow the seed, but God brings the harvest.**



# Central Mountains Baptist Church

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### Mixing-Bowl Musings

**The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. --  
Luke 18:27**

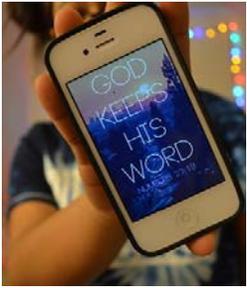
Countless times I've heard myself say, "I'm going to bake a cake." Then one day I realised that I've never baked a cake in my life--only my oven can do that. I simply mix the right ingredients and allow the oven to do its part. Through that division of labour, I have the joy of seeing others taste



# Possible with God

"With God all things are possible". What does this mean? We will consider 4 answers to that question.

## 1. He did NOT mean God can \_\_\_\_\_,



**(Numbers 23:19)** "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. ..."

**(John 14:6)** "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

**(Revelation 4:8)** "... Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"



William

## 2. He did NOT mean God will give \_\_\_\_\_ to whoever asks,

Matthew 19:16, 22, 20, 21,

**(Mark 10:21)** "Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, ..."



## 3. He did NOT mean God will give \_\_\_\_\_ to whoever asks,

**(Psalms 77:14)** "You are the God who does wonders; ..."

**(Psalms 96:3)** "Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples."

**(Daniel 4:3)** "How great are His signs, And how mighty His wonders! ..."

**(Hebrews 13:8)** "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."



**(2 Corinthians 12:8-9)** "Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. {9} And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

## 4. He did mean God can do for a man what he \_\_\_\_\_ for himself, Matthew 19:16-26

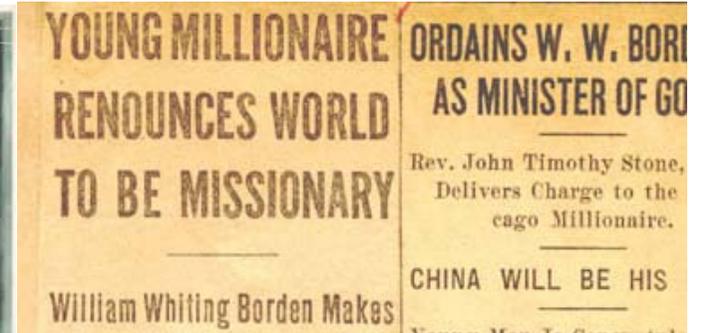
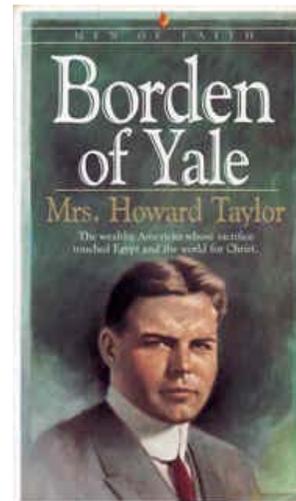
◆ Without God's help a man won't see his own \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Hebrews 7:26)** "... holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, ..."

◆ Without God's help a man cannot \_\_\_\_\_,

◆ With God's power any CAN be \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Ephesians 2:8-9)** "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast."



**(Galatians 6:9)** "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

**(Matthew 7:7)** "'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

**(Philippians 4:13)** "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."