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But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

[Luke 18:27](#) (NKJV)

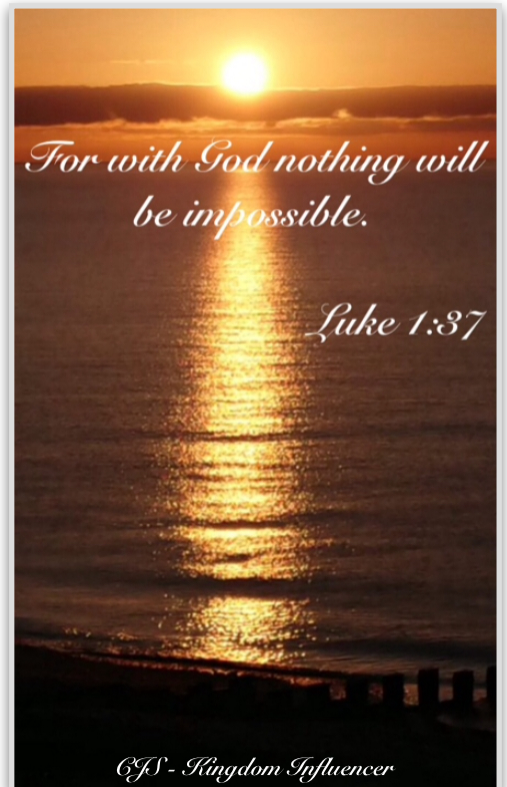
## Thought for today...

1966 saw the airing of a TV show called Mission Impossible. Each episode saw the Impossible Missions Force (a covert team of agents), save the day by exposing and defeating the machinations of nefarious individuals and organisations.

Prior to embarking on any missions, the IMF leader would receive a tape-recorded briefing, which included the following disclaimer: **"Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to [details of mission outlined here]. As always, should you or any member of your Impossible Missions Force be caught or killed, the secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This tape will self-destruct in five seconds."**

I don't know about you, but I'd hardly consider this a suitable pep talk for those about to embark on a dangerous mission!

With foreknowledge of the cost to Himself, Jesus still chose to accept the mission to die on the cross at Calvary for your sins and mine.



Jesus says to those who choose to follow Him: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” [Matthew 16:24](#) (NKJV).

Some might consider the translation of this verse in the Amplified Bible to be akin to an Impossible Missions Force pre-mission briefing: “Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to follow Me [as My disciple], he must deny himself [set aside selfish interests], and take up his cross [expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come] and follow Me [believing in Me, conforming to My example in living and, if need be, suffering or perhaps dying because of faith in Me].”

Unlike the agency that was quick to distance themselves from any IMF failed missions, rather than disavow or deny knowledge of any of His followers, God has promised (despite our shortcomings) “I will never leave you or abandon you.” [Hebrews 13:5](#) (Christian Standard Bible).

Like the IMF, we will at times find ourselves embarking on seemingly impossible tasks, but as followers of Christ who have faith in God, we can rely on what Jesus said: “... if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.” [Matthew 17:20](#) (English Standard Version).

MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE

What’s your mission? In [Philippians 4:13](#) the Apostle Paul reminds us that we are able to draw on Christ’s strength to do whatever God has called us to do, regardless of the challenges our assignment may present.

Mission impossible? With Christ = Mission possible.