

Sunday worship

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We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

'I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron.

Isaiah 45:2 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Year of opportunities

John 4:35-38 AMP

"For in this case the saying is true, 'One [person] sows and another reaps.'" ~ **John 4:37** (AMP).

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

Whatever you are thinking

THINK **BIGGER**

then **ASK** for the

IMPOSSIBLE

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Sunday 9 March 2024

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

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1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
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3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
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2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Asking for the impossible

Text: Isaiah 7:10-14 (NLT)

Earlier, we learnt God will keep us from harm if we prioritise doing good (1 Pet 3:13-14). Some may doubt that's true, but what we consider a disappointment or disaster often turns out to be good for us, on reflection (Gen 50:20). A job we didn't get, an illness, even death may be leading us towards his purpose for us (Matt 10:27-28). We may wonder if being spotless is achievable (2 Pet 3:14), but the blood of Jesus is still working and effective to purify us (1 Jn 1:7).

In our text today, Isaiah was confident in the God he serves and unaffected by the bad report that made even the king tremble (Isa 7:1-2). Defeat seemed assured for Judah in the face of the allied Syrian and Israeli army. Do we sometimes feel uncomfortable about asking God for the impossible? As a sure sign, Isaiah prophesied about the impossible: a virgin giving birth (Isa 7:14).

In every situation, there's always an **"if only"** and **"even now"** (Jn 11:20-22). Nothing is ever hopeless with God (Matt 19:26). Martha was saying the right things, but her unbelief was clear, weighed down by what she knows (Jn 11:23-24; 39). We can ask for the impossible because we can never ask for too much (Eph 3:20; Dan 10:12-14).

The question we need to ask ourselves is are we asking for the right things? Isaiah made it clear to Judah that they need an unshakable faith in God (Isa 7:9). Prayer still works and always will (Js 5:16). We can be certain God hears us and will always answer (Psa 91:14-15; 65:2; Isa 65:24). Let us cry to our God who answers prayer. He will answer.

Bottom line:

We can say the right things and we may even believe it when we do. But unless we put our faith into practice and ask for the impossible, they may remain elusive and so will doing great exploits in God's name (Dan 11:32; Isa 40:30-31; Jn 16:24).

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