

## Catch the Wave

*Without faith it is impossible to please God.*

Hebrews 1:6

There are a lot of things in life that are impossible. In order for something to be impossible it must be incapable of ever happening or absolutely unable to exist. So, if you take this in reference to faith, you are incapable of ever pleasing God or absolutely unable to exist in relationship with Him without faith.

However, as usual with things in the unseen Kingdom of God, all things are possible if you do have faith. Not only are all things possible, but you bridge that gap between you and your Creator and you bring the pleasure of God to your life when you have faith in Him. But watch out, He's wild!

I used to like to body surf when I was younger. I still do but you kinda get banged up when the wave crashes you into the surf. I don't like eating sand! Now I use my kid's boogie boards. Why didn't they make these things years ago? Anyway, when you are out there in the ocean, on a blustery day where the waves are a little bigger than normal, you lie on top of your board and wait for the right wave. You don't just want *any* wave. You want the one that is going to give you the ride of your life. I love the feeling of the power behind the wave as I catch it just right and it propels me violently in to the shore and splashes me up onto the beach. When you catch the right wave and when it's ridden right, you get the ride of your life and your right back on that board looking for more.

I got to thinking about the Kingdom of God. Jesus made a statement that is translated in the KJV like this, "Since the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12) Now, I hate violence but here this violent action taken by those who want more of the Kingdom refers to might, force, great vitality or extremely energetic. It reminds me of Caleb who was in his eighties and asked for the mountains of Hebron as his inheritance. He said, "I am just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then (forty years earlier)." That kind of vitality can only come by faith! Faith is the energy and the perseverance to hang right in there with the Lord (Ask Jacob, Genesis 32: 22-32). What's your mountain? Got faith? Where do you find yourself wrestling? Are you going to give up? Do you really want the blessing? Really? Have you gotten a taste for the greater things that won't let you stop hoping for more? When was the last time you stepped right out of the boat?

There is just something about catching the move of God and riding it for all your worth, propelled by the force of the Kingdom, headlong in the direction that the Lord is taking you. You never seem to grow too old for it. I don't want to sit on the beach taking it all in. I want to be riding the powerful wave of the Kingdom for all it's worth. I don't want to be under the umbrella reading a book; I want to be a part of the book that is happening right now. Jesus is on the move! It's impossible to please God as an onlooker. Ya gotta jump in and learn how to get on that wave. It takes guts, risk and a lot of tries but once you've ridden on the wave of God you will never be satisfied with the status quo.