RELEASE YOUR POTENTIAL: I CAN Pastor Dennis Rouse October 22-23, 2016

Isaiah 55:8-9 NLT

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."

Mark 9:17-23 NLT

One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk. And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it." Jesus said to them, "You faithless people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth. "How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, "Since he was a little boy. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can." "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

Mark 9:23 NLT

"What do you mean, 'IF I CAN'?" Jesus asked. "ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE IF A PERSON BELIEVES."

Mark 9:24 NLT

The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"

"We live within the limitation of what we can believe."

Mark 11:22-24 NLT

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours."

Philippians 4:13 NKJ

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

"I Can" Promises:

1. I can live in dominion over sin.

Romans 6:12 NKJ

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Romans 6:14 NKJ

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

1 Corinthians 6:12-13 NKJ

All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

2. I can pray and receive whatever God's Word promises.

John 15:7 NKJ

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Mark 11:24 NLT

"I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours."

3. I can operate in the supernatural power of God.

Mark 16:17-18 NKJ

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

John 14:12 NKJ

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 NKJ

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.