

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## I Believe In You February 14, 2017 Suzi Armstrong

Believe only the Word  
Seek only the eternal  
Pray only the heavenly  
Hear only the Truth  
Think only the possibilities  
See only the purest  
Speak only the kindest  
Give only the precious  
Do only the impossible  
Pursue only the purpose  
Touch only the approved  
Appoint only the competent  
Instruct only the teachable

### **"Nothing Is Impossible"** (by Planetshakers)

Through You  
I can do anything  
I can do all things  
Cause it's You who give me strength  
Nothing is impossible

Through You  
Blind eyes are opened  
Strongholds are broken  
I am living by faith  
Nothing is impossible!

I'm not gonna live by what I see  
I'm not gonna live by what I feel

Deep down I  
Know that You're here with me  
I know that, You can do anything

I believe, I believe  
I believe, I believe in You



What we believe determines our life. What we believe determines how we live our life. What we believe positions us in life and opens pathways to advance. What we believe determines our attitude. What we believe impacts our heart and our thinking. What we believe builds the framework that we live in and experience life through.

What we believe has a sound and a cadence. The sound of faith resonates and fills the atmosphere as we believe God. Nothing is impossible. It is the sound that births miracles, signs and wonders. It is the sound that disciples nations and sets the captives free.



### John 6.29 NLT

Jesus told them, **“This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one He has sent.”**

- Work – that which occupies a person.
- So God wants us to occupy ourselves by believing.
- Believe – to think to be true, to be persuaded of, place confidence in, to trust, to have faith in a person, by implication to entrust (especially one’s spiritual well-being to Christ).
- To paraphrase this scripture, God is saying that He wants me to be occupied with trusting Him in everything. He wants me to place all of my confidence in Him knowing that He is able to do what He says He will do. He wants me to have faith.
- In the New Testament, faith and belief are often used interchangeably.

### Galatians 5.5-6

<sup>5</sup>For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but **faith working through love.**

- Faith or believing works or operates through love.

### Ephesians 3.16-17

<sup>16</sup>that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to **be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,** <sup>17</sup>**so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love**

- Rooted in love.
  - Fixed.
  - Established deeply and firmly.
  - Ingrained.
  - Entrenched.
  - The part of the plant that grows underground and receives the nutrients to grow; the part that holds the plant in place.
  - Strong’s #4492 – to cause to strike root, to render firm, to fix, to establish, cause a person or thing to be thoroughly grounded.
- When I am rooted and grounded in love of God my faith and belief in God can grow and flourish.
  - With God I can step into what seems impossible because I believe that nothing is impossible for God.
  - I do not conform to circumstances but circumstances must conform to what I believe. And I believe God!

The Lord is saying:

1. Be aware of your root system. Your root system feeds your belief.
2. I have a large tap root – a main root that is Christ in me the hope of glory.
3. Know what is coming through your root system.
4. Your roots hold you in place. Lay the axe to roots that are holding you in the wrong places.
  - a. 1 Timothy 6, the love of money is the root of evil.
  - b. Hebrews 12, allow no root of bitterness to grow.
  - c. Matthew 13, the parable of the sower and the seed. The word takes root in the right soil. The word withers if there is no root to hold it.
5. God wants to strengthen our root system through Christ. Strength is multiplied through what I believe.
6. A root connects you to a position and establishes you in a place.

## Colossians 2.6-8

<sup>6</sup>Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so walk in Him,*  
<sup>7</sup>having been **firmly rooted** *and now* being built up in Him and **established in your faith,** just as you were instructed, *and overflowing with gratitude.*

<sup>8</sup>**See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.**

- I must guard what I believe so that my belief does not become based upon what the world says and does.
- My supply comes through Christ and not the world and its systems.
- What I believe connects me to the supply line for my life. I choose to believe God and receive from His river of life.



## 1 John 3.23

**This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another,** just as He commanded us.

## 1 John 5.5

**Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

### "Believe"

- B.** Bind doubt
- E.** Erase fear
- L.** Love in spite of
- I.** Increase your faith
- E.** Encounter God
- V.** Victory is sure
- E.** Embrace healing

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Believing is the fertile soil of God encounters. When we believe what God has said about our city, our nation and our future this pours blessings upon the land and the people. Believing causes heaven to invade the earth. What I believe shapes my future. The words that I speak come from the core of what I believe. I choose to believe God; this fills my heart with faith and connects me to the love of God.



## Psalms 27.13-14

<sup>13</sup>**I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD;

**Be strong and let your heart take courage;**

Yes, wait for the LORD.

## Isaiah 43.10-11

<sup>10</sup>You are My witnesses," declares the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, So that you may **know and believe Me And understand that I am He.**

Before Me there was no God formed, And there will be none after Me.

<sup>11</sup>**I, even I, am the LORD, And there is no savior besides Me.**

