

A Mission Possible

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God said to Moses, "Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt." (Exodus 3:10, NASB)



See what happens when you stop to look at a burning bush that is not burning? This could almost be an episode of the old TV series *Mission Impossible* from the late 1960s. At the opening of each episode, Jim Phelps goes to a predetermined location to retrieve a hidden manila envelope containing pictures, documents and other information he will need for his team to complete their mission. Also included is a small tape recorder with verbal instructions that lets him know that if they are caught, the government will disavow all knowledge of their activities. Then the tape ends with the famous line, "This tape will self-destruct in five seconds."

Let's take a look at Moses' encounter as if it were from that old TV series.

"Good day, Moses. This is Pharaoh (see picture in dossier), the King of the country of Egypt. He is in charge of a corrupt regime that is holding the Hebrew people as slaves to support his country's economy. He is oppressing My people, and they need to be freed from current circumstances. Your mission, if you chose to accept it, is to extricate the approximately 3,000,000 Hebrew slaves, their families and all of their possessions from this despot and lead them to the Promised Land.

"Should there be complications, please be aware that you have the full support of myself, the Creator of the Universe, and will have access to all of the resources and powers at My control. You need not be afraid, because I will be with you. With Me, failure is not a possibility. This bush will not self-destruct in five seconds because it is not being consumed by the fire, it will simply go out."

That really does sound like a mission impossible task. I don't think Jim Phelps and his *Mission Impossible* team would have been able to accomplish what God asked Moses to do. But the difference between the two is simple: if you are working with God, and He is with you, then no matter how impossible the task, it can be done because my Bible tells me that all things are possible through God.

It's a good thing, too, considering the mission we have been sent on by choosing to be teachers. Think about this:

"Good day Ms./Miss/Mr./Mrs. Teacher. The photos in your dossier are of the students, parents, fellow teachers and administrators that you will be working with. They have expectations that you need to meet and goals they expect you to achieve. Some will be understanding while others will have unrealistic expectations of you, but your administrator will expect you to keep them all happy. Your mission, should you choose

to accept it, is to take these young people and over the next 190 school days help them to grow mentally and spiritually so they will be successful the following year in someone else's classroom, while helping them to prepare for a career and future that is unknown to them at this point. As well, you will be expected to deliver a top notch educational program which meets the individual needs of each unique student while incorporating their multifaceted learning styles through current brain research, and ensures that all provincial and NAD learning outcomes have been met utilizing a variety of instructional and evaluation techniques. In addition to this, you will need to develop and maintain a personal relationship with each of the individuals in the photos so they will feel comfortable in speaking with you at any time on any topic of their choosing. As you are accomplishing these tasks, you are to conduct yourself in a manner representative of being a Christian, treating all with courtesy and respect, even in situations where others are not courteous or respectful. You also need to let these students know that I love them.

“Please be advised that in accomplishing this mission I will be by your side constantly. Anything that you need to be successful, I will supply. I will never leave you, nor forsake you. You can do all things through Me. When others forsake you, I will be there. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I am not going anywhere. I AM.

“This message, and any others that I have sent, will not self-destruct in five seconds, but will last to the end of time.”

Impossible missions are possible missions through our God!