

# Alley Rundown—November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Whatever It Takes (David Anointed/Goliath) • 1 Samuel 16:1-13, 17:1-51

**Today's Key Question:** What seems impossible to you?

**Today's Bottom Line:** You can do what you should even when things seem impossible.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.* Joshua 1:9b (NIRV)

## CG: Dude Perfect Filler Videos

“Hey, everyone! So great to see you all today. You all sure know your superheroes! I love a good superhero movie, especially because they stand up in the face of the impossible and just get it done like it was nothing. It can be interesting to think about situations that feel impossible. Have you ever thought something was impossible? (Allow for responses) Me too! I've faced all sorts of times when whatever I was facing felt like the end of the world or like nothing would ever change. But when you think about it, what's impossible to one person might not be impossible to someone else. For example:

### SLIDE: Impossible Invention 1 (Electric Light Bulb)

“For thousands of years, people used fire or flames at night in order to see in the dark. No one ever thought it'd be possible to harness energy and electricity until someone did. Thomas Edison invented the electric lightbulb in 1879. Or how about this:

### SLIDE: Impossible Invention 2 (Benz Motor Car)

“Transportation was changed forever in 1886 when Carl Benz decided that a gas-powered engine was impossible. He'd had it with horse-drawn carriages. The world was changed forever. But how about something more modern?

### SLIDE: Impossible Invention 3 (Vintage PC)

“You might not know this, but computers used to be HUGE. Like fit-in-the-size-of-this-whole-room huge! No one thought it'd be possible to make the pieces small enough to fit into something that could fit on a desk in an office or in your home. But in 1981 someone thought it could happen. The PC revolution was started, and since then they've gotten smaller and smaller and *smaller*. Check this out!

### SLIDE: Impossible Invention 4 (iPhone 1)

“No one thought it was possible to could fit a personal computer into the palm of your hand, except for Steve Jobs and his team at Apple. And in 2007, the iPhone was released and changed everything about how we communicate and connect with the world around us.

“As you can see, sometimes the impossible can actually be possible.”

“At this point, though, you might be asking yourself a question. But those are inventions: What about impossible situations we face in life? First of all, let me tell you something. That's a really fair question to ask. After all, inventions are the result of discovery and experiments. Feelings and emotions and people and life are different than making scientific discoveries.

“That's true, but when it comes to impossible situations in life, sometimes it's our perspective that makes them feel impossible instead of them actually being impossible. Not always, of course, but sometimes we just need some more information, the right person who can help, or a new point of view to see a way through what we think is impossible.

“But that brings up a different question: How can we find the courage to face the impossible? To find out more, to ask for help, to see the situation differently? How do we do this when the situation feels completely out of our control and courage seems like the last thing we feel in the moment?”

“Those are really big questions. Questions that deserve some of our time today to figure out. Thankfully, we have lots of people who’ve courageously faced what people have considered impossible. We can read about many of them in the Bible. We can read the stories about all sorts of people who trusted God in the face of difficult moments and experienced God’s power to help them through it. Let’s check out one of those moments today with the help of this week’s Episode!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 16:00)**

“What a story! No one thought David would ever be the king. And no one thought David had what it would take to defeat the giant Goliath. But that’s what so amazing about God. God can do the impossible. All we need to do is trust God and follow where God is leading.

“We will all face moments that feel impossible. Maybe it’s a situation at home that feels completely overwhelming. Maybe it’s something happening with your friends at school that feels really tricky right now. You’re not sure how to respond. You’re not sure how you can help. It’s in these moments that you can remember how powerful God is—that God can literally do the impossible. I mean, God can do ANYTHING. God raised Jesus from the dead! When we believe in Jesus, we can face our fears with the same power that raised Jesus back to life. Amazing!

“So talk to God about it! God can give you the courage you need to face it. And God can bring awesome people around you who can help! Including people like you have in your Small Group!”

“So as you head to Small Group today, think about this:

**SLIDE: Key Question**

“**[Key Question] What seems impossible to you?** What is something happening in your life right now that feels impossible, like it might never get fixed or completed? Maybe it’s happening with you, or maybe with someone you know, or even a situation happening in the world around you. What’s so great is that God cares about all of it! And God wants to help you through it and face it with courage. You’ll talk more about this and so much more with your Small Group. But before you head out, let’s talk to God. Let’s pray and thank God for being powerful enough to do the impossible! Let’s pray.”

*Lead group in a prayer related to what they just heard. After prayer, lead offering and dismiss kids to Small Group.*

#### **OFFERING TIME:**

We are giving our offering to our friends in Mexico through an organization called Vida Nueva Ministries. Unfortunately, many families in Mexico don’t have enough money for food or education. Vida Nueva Ministries is dedicated to overcoming poverty through education. Here is a picture of one of their amazing teachers.

**SLIDE: Teacher in Classroom**

Vida Nueva has built an entire set of schools in the city of Piedras Negras, where kids of all backgrounds can come and learn. They also receive meals and hear about Jesus. Isn’t that great? So if you brought an offering today, you can bring it up now!