



Dear Corps Household:

The scriptures stating that "with God nothing is impossible" and "... all things are possible to him that believeth" are in many instances taken out of context, subsequently wrongly interpreted, thus wrongly believed and consequently unneeded harm ensues.

If I tie up my arm in a sling for a period of time, and then all of a sudden I would consider taking it out and lifting a heavy weight I doubt very much if believing would produce the desired results of the moment.

If I drank something poisonous deliberately or unknowingly, I doubt if my believing would be of such a nature that the poison in my bloodstream would dissolve and I would be delivered. Yet, the scripture says, "... all things are possible to him that believeth." What about that? Can God make a bigger stone than He can lift? God is a God of miracles but miracles have to be within the framework and context of the Word. Let's not be stupid. You cannot supersede natural laws by believing unless you get revelation, and revelation must come to pass or you just "thought it" or "that's what you liked to think should happen."

Someone said, "What fools we mortals be." Perhaps that is true also of our desire to endeavor to believe beyond the laws of the greatness of the love and truth of God and His Word.

There are many things involved in life and living which I do not understand, and even those who frequently volunteer their knowledge are apparently unqualified to execute the principles they advocate.

No husband knows what it's like to bear and deliver a child. No mother who has had a baby but who has never had "complications" in delivery really understands others who have had difficulties. This illustration is applicable regarding many things in life. One never really knows until one has walked in someone else's shoes or been there himself.

None of us know all the different ramifications of and in life. All I know regarding some of these matters is that in the beginning there was no sin; subsequently no sickness; consequently no death.

Genetic disorders produce malformations. How much of the hurt and suffering in life is due to the way our parents or grandparents or we live, I do not fully know. The hours we keep, the things we drink, the food we eat, the newspapers we read, the periodicals we digest, the television that infiltrates our minds, the electric light bulb and many more things we do—I do not know to what degree they affect our physical bodies adversely. All I know is that even with the greatness of believing I feel daily more and more that life, even for one day, is almost a miracle of existence. All of us break the laws of God frequently; knowingly or unknowingly they are still broken. Doing this deliberately may be worse in the eyes of mankind, but certainly not in the eyes of God. Only man puts degrees on wrongdoing, not God.

If I had a decayed tooth, I would go to a dentist to have it filled or extracted. Perhaps, had I been put together better genetically, believed more, eaten better foods, drank better water, thought better thoughts, etc., I might not have had the decayed tooth. But I got it—now what? I will do my best to prevent a situation but if it occurs, I will get it taken care of to the best of my ability and *GET BACK* to *MOVING THE WORD*.

Maybe childbirth fits in the above category. If having a baby is really natural, it will have to be within the perfection in which God originally designed the human body. A woman thinking that she must, by all means, personally deliver that baby may not have it all within the framework of the great living reality of life (i.e. physical limitations, such as a small pelvic area, a breech position, etc.). I believe whenever it is possible to avoid additional heartache, problems and hurt, it becomes our responsibility to utilize the best available facilities at our discretion.

A cesarean section is not sin, and it may enable one to live much more fruitfully—mentally, physically and spiritually. A woman being called upon to make a breech delivery will find it very, very difficult and far more so in the delivery of a first child, but truthfully in any child. The extreme pain is not necessary to endure if a cesarean section were administered. All the tearing would be avoided. A woman's vagina and her bone structure is made to deliver the baby head first. When everything is backwards, it is just like, in some respects, having the Word of God backward—it just is not the best.

There is no Word of God saying to a couple, you have to have your baby "so and so." Let's take the pressure OFF OF ONE ANOTHER and avoid wrong thinking. There is no "shame" in calling yourself Corps or Christian should you need to have help because of complications, regarding childbirth or in other facets of life. Taking an aspirin is not sin and does not make you less Corps or less of a man or woman.

I am sorry I do not know more answers and am so incapable of helping, when I so much would love to help from a human point of view. Thank you for your understanding and your endeavoring to live honestly to the best of your ability the great truthful reality of life.

At times life does get heavy, but you don't have to let it get you down. This morning the birds are still singing, and the sun is still shining. You are still my Corps, and I love you all very much in Him.

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