

FAITH MIGHTY FAITH

“For nothing is impossible with God”
(Luke 1:37, NLT).

On November 11, 1933, words of Charles Wesley were on the minds and hearts of Wycliffe founder, Cameron Townsend and colleague L.L. Legters, when God miraculously provided a way for them to enter Mexico. They sang the words: “Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, And looks to God alone; Laughs at impossibilities, And shouts, ‘It shall be done.’” Today, we have an annual tradition to commemorate the event—the Wycliffe World Day of Prayer. Celebrating God and what He has done through us on behalf of the Bibleless peoples and praying for the ongoing and future work of Bible translation is our work for the day (November 11). **Pray** that God’s glory would be magnified and His fame be made known through our worship, intercession and prayer requests.

Hi! YAY! I finished memorizing the Sermon on the Mount for my trip to Israel. Amusingly (amusing to me anyway) I’ve been working on Sermon on the Mount for months. I’m finally done. I recite it to the person who’s verifying that I actually memorized it; suddenly I’m depressed.

Apparently I’m sad now I don’t have Sermon on the Mount to work on anymore. I decided this is a good thing (this apparent new need to have something to memorize as a project) and just picked something similar in size (Philippians) to memorize next. Who knew memorizing stuff is addictive like running? Say you never start running, you don’t care if you ever run. Once you start, there’s withdrawal if you stop. (running, street drugs, memorizing Scripture, ...all very similar activities apparently). I imagine, if I keep memorizing stuff, memorizing gets easier like how I can run farther now than I could when I started. And if I take a break, even for a few weeks, it’d be ridiculously hard to start again. That feature (how hard it is to start compared to the short amount of time it takes to get out of the habit) is particularly annoying. I just won’t take any breaks if I ever plan to start up again. Easier to keep going than it is to stop and try to start again.

Meanwhile I learned two things at work this month:

1. You cannot use the words, “Lord” and “no” in the same sentence, not really.
2. If I focus on the people I came to serve, I will always be disappointed. People will almost without exception disappoint. Apparently it’s a better idea to serve God and not people.

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