

Samuel Rodriguez Offers Prophetic Insight Into Shifting the Destiny of Nations in a Single Day

In the book of Genesis, God spoke creation into being in six days and rested on the seventh. In the book of Joshua, we read that the Israelites marched around the city of Jericho, also for seven days, and when they blew their ram's horn, the walls of the city fell. The prophet Jonah survived in the belly of a "large fish" for three days, and in all four Gospels, we learn that Jesus himself was crucified, buried and raised again in three days as well.

The Bible is full of stories that span mere days in order to complete incredible, impossible, and often unimaginable things. And yet, in our pragmatism—or perhaps in our lack of faith—most of the church has given up such ambitious pursuits. Anything of consequence, say like asking God for the nations (Ps. 2:8), we're told would take decades to accomplish, if it's even possible in the first place.

But what if we truly began believing that we could ask God for more than what the world says is possible? What if we stopped relying on our own strengths and had faith enough to hear the words Jesus told us:

"Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in Me will do the works that I do also. And he will do greater works than these, because I am going to My Father. I will do whatever you ask in My name, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:12-14).

Or as C.S. Lewis famously wrote, "It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak ... We are far

too easily pleased.”

Tell that to Dominic Russo, Jedidiah Thurner and the leadership of .

Just a few months ago, organized teams from 33 nations around the world to descend on the Central American nation of Nicaragua for a single, remarkable and impossible day—a day in which the NHCLC was privileged enough to participate. On July 23, 2017, I witnessed what will forever be known as the day that shifted the destiny of a nation by unleashing a movement of righteousness and justice. Thousands of business leaders, political leaders, church leaders, medical professionals, community planners as well as regular everyday children of God participated in the event which reached one-in-seven Nicaraguans with the Gospel. The entire day’s events were simultaneously broadcast on the country’s largest television networks and radio stations to countless more. This is how the soul of a nation is changed.

What’s perhaps more incredible is that every other year, asks God for another impossible request. Before Nicaragua, it was the Dominican Republic, and before the Dominican Republic it was Honduras.

Asking God for the impossible is not just something *some* Christians are supposed to do. It’s not something to read about or to accept as biblical hyperbole. In fact, it’s central to what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ because he commands us to do so.

I don’t mean to oversimplify just how much work goes into *1Nation1Day*. It’s an undertaking so massive that knows at the onset it must rely on God to make all the pieces come together. Thousands of volunteers, partnerships and courageous leadership all play an important role. But here’s the exciting part for you and me: The most important ingredient is a willingness to say, “Here I am Lord, send me” and faith enough

to believe that our good Father in heaven will answer “yes.”
(Isa. 6:8)