

## **TWO FARMERS: The Optimist And The Pessimistic**

One morning two farmers were standing outside as the sun was coming up.

First farmer says, *“Look at the beautiful sun and clear sky!”*

Second farmer says, *“Yeah, well, it’ll probably scorch the crops.”*

A few days later, a much needed rain came and again the first farmer says, *“Isn’t this great! God is giving our corn a drink today.”*

Second farmer say, *“Sure but, if it doesn’t stop before long, it’ll flood and wash everything away.”*

Now the first farmer, being an optimist, decided to really test the pessimistic neighbor. He bought a bird dog, the smartest and most expensive one he could find. He trained the dog to do things no other dog could do; impossible feats that would astound anyone.

One morning the two farmers went duck hunting. The ducks came, the farmers shot, and as the ducks fell into the water, the owner shouted, *“Go get em!”*

The dog leaped out of the boat, walked ON the water, picked up each duck one by one and brought them back to the farmers. A wide grin covering his face, the first farmer turned to the second farmer and said, *“What do you think of that?”*

Unsmiling the pessimist said, *“He can’t swim, can he?”*

Pessimistic to the core!

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We often miss the miracles of God because of preconceived ideas, and our faith has no possible outlet from which to grow. Impossible things, uncrossable rivers, untunneled mountains, fiery paths and impossible circumstances really aren’t unusual in the life of the believer. We encounter them more often than we would like to admit, but we must remember that it is all part of God’s plan. He wants to preserve us through the trials, and we learn to trust Him during the impossible situations.

Sometimes God allows his children to experience hard times. But no matter what situation you face, if you are truly devoted to God, then you know he is in control of your life. We have His never changing Word of Truth that will clear the way.

Jeremiah 32:17 - *...Nothing is too hard for you.*

Luke 1:37 and 18:27 – *For nothing is impossible with God.*

### **FIVE WAYS GOD SPEAKS TO YOU:**

1. Through His Word. (the Bible)
2. Still small voice or deep seated impression
3. Providence (divine care or guidance)
4. Through other people
5. Common sense