

## Pastoral Notes

“Improbable Imperatives”  
Mark 8:27-32.

An Imperative is an expressed command of one with authority, God provides us many *imperatives- prophecies and promises* that must come to pass.

Sometimes God’s imperatives are hard to fathom with intellect or

Word, *we must listen and believe*. If we use *common sense* and not *God sense*, things that *don’t make sense* will seem like *non-sense*.

One *imperative of the church* is to go out and *evangelize*. The disciples did this which allowed them to tell Jesus who the world thought he was. We must go out and

### Key Sermonic Points

1. *The church must be connected to the community*
2. *The church must be rooted in truth*
3. *God’s prophecies always become realities*

common sense. That’s where *faith must kick in to help us believe what we cannot conceive*.

Jesus told his 12 disciples he must suffer and die, but that he would be raised in three days. They could not accept a suffering savior so they considered his words an Improbable Imperative. But when God speaks to us in his

*testify* to the grace and mercy of God in our lives. We must *know God’s Word* through study and meditation. People don’t need clichés or opinions, they need TRUTH.

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Pastor Robbie

## Nuggets:

- True religion is determined by the substance of one’s faith.
- We cannot parenthetically hear what is prophetically spoken.
- The answers to questions about who God is and why he does what he does, must come by divine revelation and not by human recitation.
- Faith doesn’t have a problem with people, but people have a problem with faith.
- Examples of God spoken Imperatives:
  - Eternal Life
  - Heavenly rewards
  - He will never leave or forsake you

**‘If God said it,  
you’ve got to have the Faith  
to believe it’**