Can't Do It

Ken Chapman · Romans 8:31

INTRODUCTION

- Have you ever been given a task or an assignment that you just knew you couldn't do?
- Whether you really will fail at that task, that mindset is often self-fulfilling prophecy.
- What I like for us to try this morning is to do what the scriptures try to do for us, and that is to change that internal dialogue, and to tell you that you can do it.

1 Reasons Behind the I Can't Do It Attitude

Matthew 7

- Jesus said that narrow, straight and narrow is the way, and few there be that find it.
- You read of the power and the cunning devices of Satan and sin and temptation, and you may just say, They're more powerful than I am.
- It doesn't help when you look at the failures of others who you deemed to be stronger than you.
- Nothing discourages me more than me of my own failure.

2 You Can't Do It, But God Can

Romans 8:31; Micah 7:18–19; Romans 5:6–10

- You're right. You can't do it. But God can.
- If God be for us, who can be against us? You can do it because God's on your side.
- He does not retain his anger forever because he delights in mercy. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.
- God demonstrates his own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- If he wanted to save us that much when we were his enemies, there's no way to measure how much he wants to save us now that we're his friend and his children.

3 God Has Given You Support

Hebrews 10:24

- He's given you the avenue of prayer. And he's given you one another.
- So let's recognize the responsibility and the blessing that He's given us to stir one another up, to encourage one another.
- Why is it then that we tend to withdraw and to pull back from God and our brethren and our support system. And it ought to be just the opposite.
- Consider one another to stir up to love and good work.
- That list would be dwarfed by brethren who've uplifted me, who've encouraged me.

4 God Can Make You Better

James 1:3–5; Philippians 4:13; Philippians 4:19

- Remember that you don't have to remain that person. Moses didn't when he failed. David didn't.
- God can change you, transform you, if you'll but let him.
- Let him ask of God who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it'll be given to him.
- He wasn't saying, I can do it all. I've pulled myself up by my own bootstraps. He says, I can do it through Christ.
- My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
- He has the resources. That's not an issue. And he's generous.

THE CHALLENGE

You can do it. Don't give up. Don't give up. Don't give up. You can do it. Will you begin that journey today knowing that you can complete that journey?

MY NOTES