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FORTUNE COOKIE FAITH

Now to HIM who is ABLE to do immeasurably more than all we ask or **imagine**, according to HIS power that is at work within us.... **Ephesians 3:20**

Can you imagine?

To imagine: from Latin *imaginari*, from *imagin-*, *imago* image

1: to form a mental image of (something not present)

4: to form a notion of without sufficient basis (sounds a little like faith?)

The 9/11 commission said this about the role the 'lack of imagination' played in the Sept. 11th terrorist attack: **"We believe the 9/11 attacks revealed four kinds of failures: in imagination, policy, capabilities, and management."** (chapter 11, page 339) Imagination is mentioned on at least 9 different pages in the report and is cited as first in the four kinds of failures of our government to prevent the disaster of 9/11. On page 336 it says, (given the background of the 1995 Manila air plot, and other intelligence gathered) "...he wondered why so little thought had been devoted to the danger of suicide pilots, seeing a **'failure of imagination,' and a mindset that dismissed possibilities.**"

Now, if evil can be imagined and believed without seeing, how much more should we consider, believe, and imagine the power and possibilities of the ABLE Creator of the Universe!

Here's a brief look at why I started to think about such things. A couple of days ago I went to a chinese restaurant for take out. (*wow, that was a great transition/explanation...tell me more:*) Please understand that just a few weeks ago I (and my family) moved to the UP, from Florida where I had lived and ministered for over 20 years. This day I was feeling a little under appreciated I guess, like in this new place my work in the Lord is unknown. All the sufferings, the joys, the trials, the years of service, the effort, the work of the ministry....bottom line, it's all unknown to these folks. And I have to be honest, there was a tinge of discouragement that was rising up within me. It wasn't much, just a whiff of a familiar feeling. Well, I proceeded to walk to the store while

waiting for my food...while I was in the store, it started to rain. I walked back into the Chinese Restaurant soaking wet to hear that they were very sorry but the food was not ready yet. I wasn't impatient, just a little cold, and it didn't seem too long when the owner came to give me my food. She apologized for making me wait and told me that as a reward for my patience she had given me some extra chicken. That was nice I said, "thank you so much!" and I left for home. My husband and I ate all we could of the feast and I doled out the fortune cookies. When I opened my cookie to read the 'fortune,' I was amazed to see that my Lord was speaking to me! That's right, I'm saying that God can use fortune cookies if He wants to !! It said, **"Your efforts have not gone unnoticed."** WOW! Maybe no one else can see the awesomeness of this, but I sure can! How BIG (& small) is God that HE would cause me to open this very cookie at exactly the time I needed to hear some encouraging words from Him! It was made in a factory, this cookie, and it fell into my hands in a little town in the UP on the exact day that I needed it. Now, if you lack imagination, you may still not think it's possible that God would use a fortune cookie to build my faith, but that's exactly what happened! Our heavenly Father is not bound by our rules and inabilities. He spoke the universe into existence; the moon, the sun, the stars, the earth, every bird and fly and worm and molecule is because HE-

GOD imagined and created it! I just want to shout to the whole world how GREAT IS MY GOD!

Since God is so awesomely (word?) sovereign, so infinitely BIG, so unfathomably detailed, so NOT trapped in time or space, so motivated by LOVE, and so intimately acquainted with all our ways....is it so hard to imagine that HE would've/could've spoken to me through a fortune cookie? How much are we missing by not imagining and believing what God can do? Ephesians 3:20 should be a challenging reminder to us that JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING HE WANTS!!!

So, let's go ahead and take that leap of faith and I dare you to ask, think, and imagine what God can do, then be prepared to be amazed at how HE blows our minds with so much more!



I'm becoming convinced that a 'lack of imagination' is also a real problem in the Body of Christ.....not in predicting how evil will act, but how God, the Able One can act if we believe.

Let's remember how awesome God is, and honor Him as the **ONE who is able** to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...What would happen if we believed God for more?

I can only imagine:) Peace In, Big D