

Christmas – For Nothing is Impossible With God

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Good morning. Today is Christmas.

Just a few days ago, I was listening to a radio station known to play the Christmas carols 24 hours a day, and I was quite disappointed. I was very disappointed because I could not hear any Christmas carols I was expecting to hear, such as the ones we sang this morning, but only those fast beat Christmas carols that celebrated “so called” the joy of the season that has nothing to do with God. I am sure that the station still played the classics such as Silent Night, Come All Ye Faithful, Joy to The World, and other real Christmas carols once a while, but the most songs it was playing was about receiving gifts and having parties. The news lately highlighted Christmas, because the total sales figure in this Christmas season was unexpectedly higher than expected, and the news was celebrating that perhaps the economy was getting out of the recession.

However, regardless of how much the world wants to turn Christmas into a commercial gala and makes Christmas into a secular holiday, **but for us who believe**, Christmas is always very special and brings us face to face with the reality of God. After all, it is the birthday celebration of our LORD Jesus; Jesus, **God who became an infant in a manger**, so that we may know the love God has for us. Not only God became a baby in a manger, but He lived as a man to be tested and to experience all that we experience, so that He would experience what it is to be a man, and then out of His great love for us, voluntarily sacrificed for our sins so that we may be with God. Through His life and death, Jesus showed us the way to be with God.

Therefore, whether the world wants to minimize the importance of Christmas or not, to us, the spirit of Christmas is, and always will be, John 3:16.

John 3:16

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The very story of Christmas is the story of God’s love, God’s redemption, and God’s power. The story of Christmas is a demonstration of how nothing is impossible with God.

So, this morning, I would like to go to Luke chapter 1, and look at the life of Mary, and see how God demonstrated that there is nothing impossible with God for those who believe...and how Mary received the promise and the fulfillment of that impossible promise.

Mark 9:23

“Everything is possible for him who believes.”

Going to Luke 1, we find Mary, a young girl, a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. To this Mary, God sends the angel Gabriel to bring a promise of a great blessing; perhaps the greatest blessing bestowed upon a person.

Luke 1:26-27

²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.

Yes, to Mary, a virgin, who knew no man, God gives a promise that is impossible to be fulfilled. However, how many of you know that with God, there is nothing impossible!

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How many of you have a promise from God that appears to be impossible right now, based on where you are today and where you have to be and what you have to accomplish? For you, once again on this Christmas Sunday, I believe the LORD would like to give you an assurance that He is with you, and with Him, there is nothing impossible with God.

Now, going back to Luke chapter 1, to Mary, God gives a three part promise.

1. You have God's Favor

Luke 1:30

³⁰But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.

2. You will have a son

Luke 1:31

³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

3. He is no ordinary child, in fact, He is God & Messiah

Luke 1:32

³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

How would you like it, if God gave you the same promise when you were a virgin about to be married to a man, in a society that stones to death any woman found to be unfaithful to her husband to be, especially before the marriage? What would you have done?

Let us look at Mary's response.

1. I believe the first reaction, after calming the nerve from the fear, would be surprise.

- Actually, in reality, it would not be Mary who had to clam the nerve, but the angel with his words supernaturally calmed Mary so that she would suddenly not be afraid.
- So, after the fear is gone, the first reaction would be that of surprise.

Luke 1:34

³⁴“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

- i. It would literally have been, “It's Impossible! Having a baby without a man?”
- ii. It would have been, “It's Overwhelming! Having the Son of God as my son?”
- iii. It would have been, “How could I live! It would be too costly – I would be ridiculed, divorced, and perhaps killed.”
- iv. It would have been, “Are you sure it is God? I need assurance from God!”

- Do you have a promise from God that is overwhelming?
- Does it feel like you are all alone, and did you go through these emotions when you first received the promise?
- To surprised Mary, the angel Gabriel answered.
 - i. The angel Gabriel said, in different words, “Yes, it is God!”

Luke 1:35

³⁵The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God

1. Did you know that God’s most powerful assurance is that He is with you? Here, the angels states that God the Holy Spirit will be with her and do a miracle.

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2. If you remember, even when Moses needed assurance for the promise God gave him, God said, “I will be with you.”

Exodus 3:11-12

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²And God said, “I will be with you.”

3. Even though the only sign He may give you is limited to the very fulfillment of His word, because He wants you to walk the journey in faith with Him (and not on the signs, wonders, or assurances), His greatest assurance to you will always be His Promise, “I am with you.”

Exodus 3: 12

¹²...And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

4. Likewise, the greatest promise, gift and assurance God can give us His Son, the promise that “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23

²³“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”

5. Do you believe that God is with you?

- When you know, I mean when you really know and believe, that God is with you, then you can do all things through Him who strengthens you.

Philippians 4:13 [NKJV]

¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

- And, when you believe in Jesus, you have God’s assurance that God is with you!

Matthew 28:20

And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- ii. The angel Gabriel said, in different words, “[Look at the testimonies of God!](#)”

[Luke 1:36](#)

³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.

1. Did you know that one of the ways God gives us His assurance is through the testimony of others?

[Romans 2:11](#)

¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

2. If God did it for someone else, then God can do it for you as well – [it is no longer impossible, because God did it in the past!](#)
- If it is done in the past, it is no longer impossible!

- iii. The angel Gabriel said, in different words, “[Now, believe.](#)”

[Luke 1:37](#)

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2. After hearing the angel Gabriel, Mary accepts the promise from God and God's calling in her life.

- She receives the primrose when she was assured of God's Greatness
 - i. She learned that it was not based on what she could do, but it is solely based on God's abilities

[Luke 1:35](#)

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God

1. Have you considered His abilities, rather than your abilities?

[Zechariah 4:6](#)

‘Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,’ says the LORD Almighty.

2. When you accept that it is not your ability God is counting on, then you are free to receive His miracles!

- ii. She had reasoned in her heart that she will verify the angel's statement about the other testimonies of God

1. She immediately went to see Elizabeth to verify the angel's statement

[Luke 1:39-40](#)

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

2. When she went to Elizabeth, she was assured by Elizabeth's greeting & prophetic words

[Luke 1:41-44](#)

⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

- When God has done a miracle for others, then He will also do for you your miracle!

3. When she was assured that Elizabeth was with a baby, she was challenged to accept and believe the prophetic declaration over her life.

Luke 1:45

⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"

- iii. She then remembered what the angel had said to her

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1. Mary chose to believe, so that she would receive the fulfillment of the promise
 2. Would you believe the same statement, "Nothing is impossible with God," and also renew the vision God had given you?
3. After having confirmed the promise and the call in her life, Mary offers her sacrifice – to be the vessel God desires.

Luke 1:38

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

- It is a sacrifice of love and obedience to believe and become the vessel God has asked you to be
 - i. Sacrifice in believing to overcome all the doubts:
 1. What if, it wasn't God's angel...
 2. What if, I make a mistake...
 3. What if, Joseph really doesn't like me...
 4. What if, Joseph tolerates me because of what God has done, but what if he does not love me...
 - ii. Sacrifice in believing to overcome all odds and obstacles:
 1. Yes, God is with us, but we still have to face the challenges with Him.
 2. Yes, God is with us, but we still have to go over the obstacles with Him.
 3. Yes, God is with us, but we still have to walk with Him
- However, it really helps when we change our attitude, because we have believed.

Luke 1:46-49 – Mary's Song

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.

- i. She chose to glorify the LORD – My soul glorifies the Lord
- ii. She chose to rejoice in God her Savior – My spirit rejoices in God my Savior
- iii. She chose to be thankful for God has been mindful of her Savior – I thank God for He has been mindful of my humble state
- iv. She chose to believe that she is blessed in receiving the promise – I am blessed, because of my acceptance of the promise, all generations will call me blessed

- v. She chose to believe God has done a mighty work in her –
Mighty One has done great things for me
- vi. She chose to praise & worship the LORD for what He did –
holy is his name

So, through the process and the faith demonstrated by Mary, I pray and hope that all of you are blessed and received the renewing of the hope...**for there is nothing impossible with God.**

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If there is anyone who is still struggling with the promise God gave you, perhaps it is too great, perhaps it is beyond your abilities to accomplish, perhaps it appears to be impossible, then let us follow Mary's example in receiving the fulfillment of what appeared to be an impossible promise.

1. Receive the promise by renewing it in your heart
2. Offer the sacrifice of ourselves to become the vessel He wants us to be
3. Change our attitude, because we believe the promise by
 - a. Give glory to the LORD
 - b. Rejoice in God our Savior
 - c. Thank God for being mindful of us
 - d. Believe that the promise is a great blessing
 - e. Believe that God is doing a mighty work – worth our sacrifice
 - f. Praise & worship God for what He did and what He is doing.

And, when you do, I am certain that you would also receive the fulfillment of your God given promises. May the LORD give you the gift of faith and wisdom through the spirit of Wisdom and Revelation on this Christmas day!

[Salvation Call?]

God is with us – it is the greatest gift.

Genesis 15:1

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

[Ministry?]