

Nothing is Impossible for God (Luke 1:26-45)

(26) In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. (28) And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (29) But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. (30) And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (32) He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, (33) and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (34) And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" (35) And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God. (36) And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. (37) For nothing will be impossible with God." (38) And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (39) In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, (40) and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. (41) And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, (42) and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (43) And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (44) For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. (45) And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

(6) ...glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. (Eph 1:6)

(14) Is anything too hard for the LORD?... (Gen 18:12-14)

(3) Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. (Ps 115:3)

(8) But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. (Gen 6:8)

(4) ...Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (5) Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? (6) But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." (James 4:4-6)

(15) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." (Gen 3:15)

(14) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isa 7:14)

1. God often chooses and uses the small, obscure, insignificant, most unlikely places and people to accomplish His great plans and purposes. What short comings in yourself do you see that you think prevent God from using you for His glory? Are you too poor like Mary, insignificant, marginalized, unknown, undeveloped, scared, confused? Nothing is impossible with God. Surrender yourself to be used by Him today.
2. God created everything out of nothing and He gave children to barren women of old like Sarah (Isaac), Rebecca (Jacob), Rachel (Joseph), Hannah (Samuel), and the mother of Samson, and He gave a son to the barren and old Elizabeth (John). But none of these births compares with the miraculous and supernatural gift of a son to the virgin teenage girl Mary. Nothing is impossible with God. Our deepest longings can only be satisfied by God, they can only be met by Jesus Christ. Have you turned to Jesus and put your trust fully in Him?
3. The virgin birth is central to the Christian faith. Jesus was fully man and fully God. He was born without a sin nature, He was tempted like all people, but He never sinned. As God the Son, He became a man, to pay the penalty that we deserve for our sins. Salvation is a work of God from beginning to end. Are you looking to God for salvation or to yourself? You are not beyond salvation no matter what you have done because nothing is impossible for God.
4. God is gracious. He pours out His favor lavishly. Have you experienced God's grace/favor? Do you want more of God's grace/favor? Do you ask God for more of His grace/favor? Would you rather have God's grace and favor than anyone else's?
5. Have you experienced God's presence and nearness? Would you rather have God's presence and nearness than anyone else's? Do you ever ask God for His nearness and presence in your life? God is with His people (Immanuel). He wants us to draw near to Him.
6. When God calls you to do something that you think is beyond your own ability you don't have to be troubled or scared. If He calls you to do something He will give you all you need to accomplish it.
7. The name Jesus means "the Lord is salvation." Jesus saves from sin, death, satan, hell, darkness, demons, and all evil. Jesus saves now and forever.
8. Jesus is great like no other. His greatness is inherent, and is not derived from anyone or anything. He is great because He is the great One, God Most High (El Elyon). All human greatness comes from Him. If you want to be great you need God's grace, God's blessing, God's empowerment. Look to and follow Jesus in order to live a truly great life.
9. Jesus is the King of Kings. He is a descendant of David according to the flesh and will fulfill the promises made to David of an eternal kingdom. Jesus will rule over all forever and ever. Are you a part of the Kingdom of Christ? Have you bowed your knee to King Jesus? Are you submitted and surrendered to Him in every area of your life?

10. God the Holy Spirit can enable and empower you to do whatever God calls you to. Do you live a life dependent on the Holy Spirit of God? You need His power, wisdom, love, enablement, joy, etc.
11. Nothing will be impossible with God (vs. 37)!
12. God wants you to respond to His call and to Him today like Mary did long ago. Are you ready to surrender fully as God's servant/slave? Are you ready to do His will not matter what it may be? Are you ready to be His disciple? Are you ready to trust Him even though it may mean for you a season of scorn, ridicule, mockery, and stigma? Do you trust God to vindicate you, to fight your battles, to clear your name? God will right all wrongs, all injustices, all lies, and will vindicate all of His people. Truth, justice, and love will rule and reign forever.
13. God wants you to trust His Word and His promises like Mary did. Do you trust God's Word/promises?
14. Do you live life and do God's will with zeal and passion?
15. Jesus brought joy and gladness to John even while He was in His mother's womb. John was filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit when she was in Jesus' presence. The presence of Jesus brings the filling of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit points people to Jesus.
16. God delights in blessing His people. Do you want the fullness of God's blessing for your life? Do you pray for the fullness of God's blessing for yourself, your family, the church, and others?
17. Elizabeth recognized that Jesus was Lord even from His womb. Do you recognize Jesus as Lord? Recognizing Jesus as Lord and following Him brings joy and gladness to life like no one or nothing else.
18. Have you put your faith in Jesus, His Word, His promise, His salvation? Believe, have faith, nothing is impossible with God!