

Title: Nothing Is Impossible With God  
Text: Luke 1:26-38

Series: Luke  
(2 Sunday In Advent)

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Take your Bibles, please, and turn with me to Luke chapter 1. The Gospel of Luke chapter 1. Today is the second Sunday in Advent. (The second <sup>out</sup> candle in our Advent <sup>out</sup> Wealth has been lit.) This <sup>Sunday</sup> candle symbolizes the ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ANGEL GABRIEL TO MARY. And we are going to look at this whole story under the topic: NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

Luke chapter 1 beginning with Vs 26 ... (Read Vs 26-38)

(Please stand)

### Prayer

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. I was struck by that statement as it relates to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. And I would like to share with you three ways in this passage that we see that truth. THAT NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. *Three things*

(1 ) Number one, the place where this announcement was made. The place.

Look, please, at Vs 26: "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee, called Nazareth." Now, in the place called Nazareth, we have evidence from God that "nothing is impossible." Let me show you what I mean.

Turn to John chapter 1. The Gospel of John chapter 1 and notice Vs. 45 and 46.

This passage that we are going to read concerns the city of Nazareth. Mary lived in Nazareth. Nazareth is a crummy little town. It was a crummy town in the days of Jesus as well as now. In the days of Jesus it was a place of robbers and thieves. Today, Nazareth is an Arab town right in the heart of the state of Israel. It has an Arab major,

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an Arab government. And there has been a lot of revolutions and problems centered in the town of Nazareth. I am told that you cannot walk down the streets of Nazareth at night, especially if you are a Jew. You know, not much has changed in two thousand years. That is the way it was in the days of Jesus.

Many people believe that the root meaning of the word "Nazareth" is connected with the word "despise." For example in Isa. 53, it says of the Messiah that He was despised and rejected by men. It also says that In Psa. 22. And I believe this passage in John 1 will show you why Nazareth is so often connected with the word "despised." John chapter one verse 45 says: ... (Read Vs 45-46)

You see, it was well known. Nazareth was not your common place where royalty would be born. "CAN ANY GOOD THING COME OUT OF NAZARETH?" The implied answer of course, is NO. But, you see, nothing is impossible with God. God takes the "despised", the foolish things of the world says Paul, and honors them. And God takes Nazareth and gave it a special place in human history. Do you know why?

We find the answer in Matthew chapter 2 verse 23. It says: "He came and resided in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. He shall be called a Nazarene."

Now, the thing that really struck me is that the reason why ~~the birth of Jesus was announced in Nazareth, the reason why~~ Jesus grew up in Nazareth, was to prove a point by God. He predicted it. It was in prophecy. And it wasn't what the average person would say should be. We would prefer that Jesus be born in the capital city of Jerusalem and grow up in the royal palace. BUT NO WAY. He grows up in Nazareth.

CAN ANY GOOD THING COME OUT OF NAZARETH? A simple little remainder that NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. He can take the foolish and despised things of the world and exalt them. He ~~makes the mighty~~. WHY? ~~Because nothing is impossible with God~~. And dear friends, he can take ~~your life~~ <sup>The Life of the church</sup> and make it great. Because nothing is impossible with God.

(2 ) There is a second way in which we see that nothing is impossible with God. And that is in the announcement of the person who would be born.

*Circle Back to Luke and*

Look at Vs 31 of Luke chapter 1. It says: "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus."

Now, let's face it ladies. If an angel came to you tonight and said: "Guess what? You are going to have a baby. But, there isn't going to be a man involved."

I mean ... some of you would laugh. You would probabable bust your gut laughing. Right? Sure you would. But, what if, Ladies, it wasn't just an ordinary child? And God said that it was his son that He was planting in you. That God, himself, would somehow, and the Bible calls this a mystery, that God would somehow localize his infinite omnipresence into a little baby. [But, really more than that. Into a point of conception and watch the baby grow in your womb and then be born.

Now, don't tell me that Mary has this whole thing put together. Because she didn't. Would you? And so Mary ask, Vs 34: "HOW CAN THIS BE SINCE I AM A VIRGIN?"

Mary was right when she was troubled. The Bible says she keep these things in her heart. She pondered these things. And even when Jesus was growing up she wasn't sure who he was. Many times she was confronted with that issue.

Can you imagine, ladies, what this woman went through? It didn't end here with the virgin birth and all the criticism and misrepresentation and so forth. It didn't end here. Long after Jesus was 30 years old and an adult and doing miracles and ministering, one day the religious leaders said to Jesus: "We be not born of fornication."

Can you imagine the hurt in the heart of Mary? As she knew they were still accusing her of illegitimacy. How could she explain it? She was conceived by the Holy Spirit. How do you explain that?

It doesn't surprise me when the world makes fun of this story. It doesn't surprise me when people try to do away with the virgin birth. But, dear friends, there is no other solution. There is no other answer. GOD BECAME FLESH IN THE WOMB OF A GIRL NAMED MARY. And it is a miracle of God. And I don't know how it happened. All I know is what the Bible says. She was conceived by the Holy Spirit of God. It was a virgin birth. There was no human father involved at all. It was a miracle of God. And it happened because NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

Now, there were two things about this announcement that amazed Mary, and ought to amaze us. Two things.

(1 ) Number one, the name given. And this indicates God's wonderful redemption. This person is going to be the savior and save his people from their sins. Look at Vs 30: Mary is told by the angel not to be afraid. She has found favor with God. God has seen that you are the kind of girl that He can use. In fact that is indicated in Vs 38 as she says: "I am a bond-slave of the Lord; be it done to me according to your word." She had a heart that was submissive to the will of God even if she didn't understand that will.

Please notice Vs 30

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~~But the angel said in Vs 31:~~ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him .. WHAT? ..... JESUS!

The word "Jesus " means "Jehovah is salvation." In Matthew 1:21 the angel said: "you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."

Can you imagine for a moment what Mary felt, when she was told that His name will be called Jesus? He hasn't even been born yet. And she is being told who He is going to be. He is the savior. The Messiah. Jehovah is salvation. He is the savior of the world. *His NAME will be called, Jesus!*

In Luke chapter 2, the shepherds heard the angel say: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David .. A SAVIOR .. who is Christ the Lord.

Oh, my friends, the baby that was born is the savior of the World. He was born to die for our sins. And we must never forget that the Bible says that throughout all eternity we shall sing His praises: WORTHY IS THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN, TO PURCHASE US TO GOD WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.

The Samaritan woman invited all the men of her town to come and hear Jesus. And they came and heard Jesus. And then they said to the woman: "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this one is indeed the savior of the world."

In Acts 5, Peter and the Apostles said, "This is the savior of the world."

In Acts 13 the Apostle Paul said, "He is the savior."

I Timothy 4:10 we read that Jesus is the savior.

Titus 2:13 says: "Looking for the blessed hope and the glory of His appearing, our

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great God and savior, Jesus Christ our lord.

There is nothing so beautiful. For you shall call his name Jesus. For He shall save his people from their sins. Dear friends, that is what Christmas is all about. If you don't know the savior, you had better flee to him, right now. For there is no other salvation. Acts 4:12 says: "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name given among men, by which we must be saved."

(2) Now, secondly, concerning this announcement, notice the unique relationship that Jesus has with <sup>The Father</sup> God. In Vs 32 the angel said to Mary, "He will be great. And will be called the Son of the most High: and the Lord God will give Him the throne Of His father David."

Can you imagine hearing that? "Lord, you don't mean that. You are going to put the Son of the Most High God in my womb?" HOW CAN THIS BE?

But, dear friends, please remember that NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. I tell you that the person about whom this whole Christmas season is about demonstrated the working and power of Almighty God. Jesus was God manifested in the flesh. And I trust you know the Christ of Christmas.

John 1:1 says "that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then down in Vs 14 we read: "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory."

I John 5:20 says: 'that this is the true God.'

Romans 5:9 Paul says, "that the Messiah is God blessed forever."

Titus 2:13 says of our <sup>Jesus</sup> coming savior, "that He is the great God."

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Acts 20:28 says "the church of God has been purchased with His own blood." God shed his blood. Do you know what that means? It means that Jesus was God manifested in the flesh, localized in the womb of this dear girl named Mary. And it happened because nothing is impossible with God.

(4) And this brings us to the <sup>final</sup> way that I believe demonstrates that nothing is impossible with God. And that is the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Look at Mary's question in Vs 34: "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" This is an impossibility.

Vs 35: "And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the most High will overshadow you, and for that reason the Holy offspring Will be called the Son of God."

Then He gives her an illustration as proof by referring her to her relative Elizabeth. Elizabeth was old and barren She was married to Zacharia who was a Priest in the Temple. It was a wonderful family. But, there <sup>were children</sup> ~~was~~ no ~~child~~. Elizabeth was barren in her old age. And everybody knew it. Yet, God performed a miracle. And Elizabeth conceived. She bore a son who became John the Baptist. The forerunner who would tell the world that Jesus was the Messiah. The one who would take away the sin of the world.

And the angel simply answered Mary's question by telling her that the Holy Spirit is involved. That is why it will happen. And then he points her to Elizabeth as proof.

Dear friends, do you know what that text really says? It says that nothing is impossible with God.

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And I look at this story and I say: "Man, if it wasn't for the faith that God has given to me, it would be tough to ~~prove~~ <sup>Believe</sup> the virgin birth. Do you understand? Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. But, you get down to the biological possibilities of this and how it could happen and all of that, there is no explanation except one: that God intervened into human history and performed an absolute miracle. A biological miracle in the womb of Mary. There is no other answer. And you either believe it or you do not. You either become a part of the doubters who lived in the days of Jesus and they live today. Or, you believe that NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD. ~~Because of the power of the Holy Spirit of God.~~

Listen, dear friends, you don't even save yourself. There is nothing you can do to save yourself. You don't turn over a new leaf and then be saved. You don't even agree with these facts and then some how become a Christian. We are born of him. The power of the Holy Spirit cause a new birth within us. When the power of the most high God comes and overshadows someone, they can be changed in a moment of time.

Some one in this service may know all the facts, you may know what I am talking about. But, you may never have been born again. You may have talked yourself into <sup>church membership</sup> or agree with what the church teaches. Maybe you are to embarrassed, now, to let anyone know that you really don't know in your heart whether you are born again of the Spirit of God. Let me tell you something. Salvation comes from God not man. The Bible says in John 1:13 that we are not born of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. You are saved by the Spirit of God. NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

But, I thought, also, about how easily we Christians get off the hook. We who



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know we have been born again of the Spirit, yet, this text says that nothing is impossible with God. And the virgin birth and the birth of John the Baptist are setting there to prove to us that God can do *great things in our lives*. And I think of all of us in our attitudes towards what God can do in our lives and in the life of this church. And the reason why a lot of things don't happen that should happen is because we don't believe it will happen. We don't have faith and confidence in what God can do in our lives.

The Bible says that God can do abundantly above all that we could ask or believe. What does that mean to You? What can God do in your life? God certainly isn't going to go against his word or change his word, or just do something to prove himself to us, when it wasn't a part of His sovereignty or plan. I know all of that. YET, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.

Dear friends, you ought to be praising and thanking God for that blessed promise. It is because of the wonderful power of the Holy Spirit that we Christians can be what God wants us to be.

Acts 1:8 says that you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and Samaria and to all the world.

People say to me all the time. "Pastor, I cannot witness. I think of Christmas and all that it means. And I want to witness, but I can not▶"

Dear friends, you can. Do you know why? Because as a Christian you are indwelt by the power of the Holy Spirit. And just like Mary said: "How can this be?" Nothing is impossible with God. Because the power of the Holy Spirit is present.

And dear friends, the same thing is true of us. We can share Christ. We can get our lives strenged out. We can build Christ like marriages and families. We can grow *in spiritual maturity* ~~in maturity~~. We can grow this church. *We can become outward focused* ~~We can love one another~~. WHY? BECAUSE

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LET'S CLOSE WITH PRAYER

~~That is why we can sing "Majesty, worship His Majesty.  
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. WHY? Because  
Nothing is impossible with God.~~

and That, dear friends, is good Bible preaching!

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