

**Nothing Is Impossible**  
**Christmas Brings Hope – Part 4**  
**Life Church St. Louis – December 27, 2015**  
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*Isaiah 9:7 (NIV) Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.*

*Matthew 19:26 (NIV) "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*

**1. God has \_\_\_\_\_ for your life**

*Luke 1:26 (NIV) In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,*

**1A. You may feel \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 1:27 (NIV) to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

**1B. Yet, you are \_\_\_\_\_ by God**

*Luke 1:28 (NIV) The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."*

**2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ is not easy**

*Luke 1:29 (NIV) Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.*

**2A. God will give you \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 1:30-31 (NIV) But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.*

**2B. You are to help expand God's \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 1:32-33 (NIV) He 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."*

**3. You can do \_\_\_\_\_ in your own strength**

*Luke 1:34 (NIV) "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*

**3A. The Holy Spirit will \_\_\_\_\_ you**

*Luke 1:35 (NIV) 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.*

**3B. \_\_\_\_\_ is impossible for God**

*Luke 1:36-37 (NIV) 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. For nothing is impossible with God."*

**3C. \_\_\_\_\_ in God and His plan**

*Luke 1:38 (NIV) "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.*

# Nothing Is Impossible Study Guide

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Intro. How would you describe to someone else the hope that Christmas brings?

What does the phrase “of the increase of His government and peace” in Isaiah 9:7 mean? How do you see the kingdom of God increasing in our world?

In what ways can Jesus’ statement in Matthew 19:26 bring hope in any situation?

- 1A. What do you think that were Mary’s dreams for her life before she met the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:26)?
- 1B. How had Mary been faithful to God (Luke 1:27)?
- 1C. Why do you think Gabriel addressed Mary as he did (Luke 1:28)?
- 1D. How does Satan attempt to distract people from God’s plan for their lives?
- 1E. How is God’s plan for your life bigger than your plans?
- 2A. Why was Mary troubled by the words of the angel Gabriel to her (Luke 1:29)?

- 2B. What did the angel mean when he said that Mary had found favor with God (Luke 1:30)?
- 2C. Which aspects of the angel’s words indicated the Mary’s son would not be an ordinary man (Luke 1:32-33)?
- 2D. How were God’s plans for Mary larger than Mary’s dreams?
- 2E. In what ways did God’s plans for Mary require difficult change for her?
- 2F. Why do we often try to resist the change that God’s plans for us require?
- 3A. Why do you think that Mary questioned the angel (Luke 1:34)?
- 3B. How is the power of the Holy Spirit the answer to Mary’s question (Luke 1:35)?
- 3C. How did Elizabeth’s pregnancy show that nothing is impossible with God (Luke 1:36-37)?
- 3D. How does Mary’s answer to the angel demonstrate her faith (Luke 1:38)?
- 3E. How do you think God wants your life to change to follow His plans for you in the New Year?