

Trust God for the Impossible Christmas Stories – Part 1

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1 Corinthians 10:11 (ESV) Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

Matthew 19:26 (ESV) But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Mark 9:23 (ESV) And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”

1. God’s Word – I am _____ you

Luke 1:26-28 (ESV) In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

Matthew 28:20b (ESV) And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

2. Our response – I’m _____

Luke 1:29-30 (ESV) But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Romans 8:26 (ESV) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

3. God’s Word – I have a _____ to bless you

Luke 1:31-33 (ESV) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

4. Our response – This seems _____

Luke 1:34 (ESV) And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

5. God’s Word – Nothing is impossible with my Spirit’s _____

Luke 1:35-37 (ESV) 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. 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. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV) His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,

6. Our response – I _____ to your plan

Luke 1:38 (ESV) 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.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? _____

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Intro. What is the purpose of the stories in the Bible (1 Corinthians 10:11)?

What might you be missing if you dismiss an idea or plan for your life as impossible (Matthew 19:26)?

Does Matthew 19:26 mean that God will do whatever you wish?

What is required for God to do the impossible in your life (Mark 9:23)?

1A. What was the purpose of the angel's initial greeting to Mary (Luke 1:26-28)?

1B. What did Jesus mean when He promised in Matthew 28:20 to be with us always?

2A. Why was Mary greatly troubled at the angel's greeting (Luke 1:29-30)? How did the angel seek to reassure her?

2B. How does the Spirit help us in our weakness (Romans 8:26)?

3A. What was "impossible" about the angel's announcement to Mary (Luke 1:31-33)?

3B. How were God's plans for Mary a blessing? How are God's plans for us a blessing (Jeremiah 29:11)?

4A. How would you characterize Mary's response to the angel (Luke 1:34)?

4B. Why do people often think that God's plans for their lives are impossible?

5A. How does the Holy Spirit turn the impossible into the possible (Luke 1:35-37)?

5B. How does God's divine power give us everything we need to carry out God's plans for our lives (2 Peter 1:3)?

6A. What does Mary's response to the angel indicate about her heart (Luke 1:38)?

6B. Why is faith necessary for God's plans for your life to be realized (Hebrews 11:6)?

6C. How can you tell if an "impossible" plan is from God or not?