

More Than a Manger #2

The God Who Does the Impossible

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 1:26-38

Discussion Questions

1. How do you react when you receive surprising good news? Share with the group.
2. God coming into the world and taking on a human form by being born of a virgin is a biological impossibility, yet it is what the Christmas story is all about. It is a celebration of something impossible made possible. It is a revelation of who God is—the God who does the impossible. Read Luke 1:26-38. Who appeared to Mary to greet and reveal to her God’s plan? Who is Mary? From what the Bible reveals about her, what kind of woman do you think is she (v. 26-27)?
3. God does the impossible out of His own volition by virtue of who He is. The story of Christmas reveals three important things: the why, the how, and the proof that God did the impossible. Let’s first look at why God does the impossible. Verses 28-30 tell us that His grace is the reason. How did Mary react when the angel appeared to her? Does Mary deserve to be the one chosen to give birth to the long-promised Messiah? How was God’s grace seen in her life? Do you feel favored or blessed to be called a child of God? How did God’s grace save you from eternal damnation (Ephesians 2:8-9)? Do you think it’s something you deserved? In what way does everyone have access to God’s grace?
4. How does God do the impossible? The basis is His power (v. 31-35). Describe the child that would be born to Mary (v. 31-33). What is the implication of Mary’s response to the angel Gabriel’s message (v. 34)? How is she different from the many men and women of today who sleep with their fiancée before marriage? What did the angel tell her about her

pregnancy (v. 35)? How is it different from modern-day artificial insemination? Do you believe that God has the power to work out an impossible matter in your life?

5. What is the proof that God can do the impossible? The evidence is in His work (v. 36-37). How God created the universe out of nothing is a basis that he can do the impossible. What is the significance of the angel mentioning Elizabeth’s pregnancy to Mary (v. 36)? How true is it in your life that with God nothing is impossible (v. 37)? Share your thoughts.

Walk

*Nothing is impossible when you put your trust in God;
Nothing is impossible when you’re trusting in His Word.
Hearken to the voice of God to thee; “Is there anything too hard to Me?”
Then put your trust in God alone and rest upon His Word;
For ev’rything, O, ev’rything, yes ev’rything is possible with God.*

When we know the reason, the basis, and the proof that God can do the impossible, that He can do what is unachievable for you, it should lead you to submit to His will. What attitude was apparent in Mary’s response to the angel’s visit (v. 38)? How can you emulate her?

In your walk with God, how you think of Him determines your faith in Him. Examine yourself. How do you think of God? In what ways do you push or deal with immovable rocks in your life? Do you believe that it’s your job to move those obstacles, or do you trust that it is God who could move them away?

Worship & Prayer

Father, I always say that with You, nothing is impossible, but I always end up relying on my own strength. I always forget that my job is to obey You, to have faith that can move mountains, not to move the mountain. Forgive me, Father. I’m ready to submit to Your will because I trust You. You are who You say You are in Your Word. You proved it when You sent Jesus to die in my place, and You prove it every day in how You protect me, provide for me, strengthen and enable me. Thank You, Father. Show me the path You wish me to take, guide me, and be my strength. I look forward to see the God who can do the impossible at work in my life. In Jesus’ name, amen.