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NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD | Luke 1:26-38

“ Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

² The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. ³ You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder. ⁴ For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian. ⁵ The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned. They will be fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!”

~ ISAIAH 9:1-7 (NLT)

“ But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. ³ The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land. ⁴ And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world. ⁵ And he will be the source of peace.”

~ MICAH 5:2-5a (NLT)

An impossibly _____ ...

“ God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, 'Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!'

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ 'Don't be afraid, Mary,' the angel told her, 'for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!'

³⁴ Mary asked the angel, 'But how can this happen? I am a virgin.'

³⁵ The angel replied, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail.' ”

~ LUKE 1:26b-37 (NLT)

Hope isn't limited by _____ .

An Impossible _____.

“ Favored woman! ... Confused and Disturbed Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.” ~ LUKE 1:28b, 29 (NLT)

Hope isn't limited by _____.

“ 'My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,' says the Lord. 'And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.' For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.' ”

~ ISAIAH 55:8-9 (NLT)

In Impossible _____.

“ How can this happen? I am a virgin.” ~ LUKE 1:34b (NLT)

So WHAT?

Hope isn't limited by _____.

How do we _____ in impossible situations?

Hope takes the _____.

“ Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.' And then the angel left her.” ~ LUKE 1:38 (NLT)

Hope _____ God's faithfulness.

“ ⁴⁶ Mary responded, 'Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! ⁴⁸ For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. ⁵⁰ He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. ⁵¹ His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. ⁵² He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. ⁵⁵ For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.' ”

~ LUKE 1:46-55 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

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- 1 - How do you handle situations where you are forced to wait?
- 2 - How do you personally handle seasons where God seems silent, or slow to act?
- 3 - Read Luke 1:26-38 What do you think would have been the hardest part for Mary & Joseph in response to these impossible Ideas and Circumstances?
- 4 - When you read Mary's reaction in Luke 1:34 ("How can this happen?"), what does it show us about an honest faith? How do you respond when God's plans don't seem to make sense?
- 5 - Luke 1:37 says, "For the word of God will never fail." What do you think this means? What do you think people misunderstand about this verse?
- 6 - What keeps people from believing in God's ability to do the impossible today?
- 7 - Can you share a time in your life when God worked in a situation that seemed impossible? (remember his faithfulness) What is your next obedient step in a current struggle you are facing?

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