

**Message #3 | “Nothing Will Be Impossible with God” | Luke 1:26-38**  
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**WARMING UP**

1. Sometimes we call things impossible that are not, in fact, impossible. Can you think of some examples (historical and/or contemporary) of this?
2. Do you actually believe that God will do truly impossible things today? Be really honest. Why or why not? Have you seen this personally?

**DIGGING IN**

3. *When God does the impossible, it is a work of his grace to overcome my fear (1:26-30).* According to the text, why exactly is Mary afraid? Why should the angel’s comments (“the Lord is with you” and “you have found favour with God”) have been fear-dispelling rather than fear-inducing? When has God graciously enabled you to overcome a fearful situation? How did he do it?
4. *When God does the impossible, it is a move of his Son to overcome my autonomy (1:31-33).* How does the angel describe Jesus? What do these descriptors indicate about who he is? What is the corresponding implication for us?
5. *When God does the impossible, it is a miracle of his Spirit to overcome my self-sufficiency (1:34-37).* What does self-sufficiency look like on a practical level? Why is our tendency toward this a problem for God? How can we better recognize and demonstrate our total dependence on him?
6. Pastor Todd said regarding 1:37, “What is really being said here is not so much that *the thing* (in this case a virgin giving birth) is not impossible but that *what God says* is not impossible.” Discuss this statement. How does this nuance impact your understanding and application of this verse?

**BREAKING OUT**

7. *When God does the impossible, it is an act of his will to overcome my self-centredness (1:38).* To what extent do Mary’s words here reflect the state of your own heart? What area(s) of your life do you need to fully submit to God? Why is submission to his will always the best response? Pray that God would help you embrace his plan, whatever it may be.

