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## Delivering the Impossible

[Luke 1:35-38](#)

*<sup>37</sup> For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

According to the above text and surrounding verses, the angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to a son who would be the Promised One of Israel. She questioned how this could be, as she had not known a man.

Gabriel explained to her that the “power of the Highest” would overshadow her to accomplish this conception (v. 35). To further evidence the extraordinary things the Lord was doing, Gabriel told Mary that her older cousin Elisabeth, formerly believed to be barren, was six months pregnant.

“For with God, nothing shall be impossible,” he said.

I once heard a sermon by Jentezen Franklin, pastor of Free Chapel in Gainesville, Georgia, on this same scripture. At one point in the sermon, he asked the congregation to read Luke 1:37 quite literally – that it is impossible for God to do nothing. “Nothing is impossible with God.”

God cannot do nothing in our situation.

When we have prayed, and, in this Lenten season, fasted, God will not fail to respond to our surrendered requests.

It must have felt impossible for a young maiden like Mary to wrap her head around the idea that she would mother the longed-and-prayed-for Messiah of her people.

What seems impossible to you? Isn't the impossible exactly where our Heavenly Father works?

When God promised Abraham that his descendants would be so great they could not be numbered, but he did not yet have a child in his old, old age, didn't God do the impossible?

When the Israelites were fleeing Egypt, and their backs were against the water, didn't God do the impossible? God's Word is replete with evidence that God does the impossible, and that we can trust Him to do the impossible in our lives and churches.

***Prayer:*** *Lord, help us to surrender to you the impossible in our lives. Help us to be watchful for you to respond and do “exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think . . .” Amen.*  
*(from Ephesians 3:20)*

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