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Group #7: It's Not Impossible, PT 2

Luke 1: 34-38 NASB

34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. 36 "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. 37 "For nothing will be impossible with God." 38 And Mary said, "Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

QUOTE:

"...God will not delay, nor will He be rushed. While we are wearily waiting, He is working in ways we can't see or know. So, our trust is based on God's own assurance that when the time is right, He won't make us wait any longer."

-- M. Esther Lovejoy, "The Sweet Side of Suffering --

Pastor's Big Point: The history of this text is the promise of the savior. It starts in the Old Testament as the prophets foretold of the savior coming to earth. It was spoken clearly that the Messiah would come, what he would bring, and all that he would do, but there was a long time in the inter-testament period where there was no word from heaven. In this period of heaven's silence, the promise was kept alive. Similar to our lives—we may have had a word spoken over us that we received and rejoiced with gladness, only to be faced with that "in-between time" of silence. We had to wait for the prophetic word to be tested and fulfilled. In that season, you are to keep the promise alive. Sometimes it feels like we are stuck in an inter-testament period, where things in our lives have been paused. Whatever you do, keep the promise alive. You are responsible for praying it through. It's not impossible.



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Discussion

What are some of the feelings and frustrations we experience while waiting for God's blessings?

Pastor's Teaching Points

1. The Explanation
2. The Inspiration
3. The Declaration

Consider how the following scriptures may tie our lesson.

Habakkuk 2:3 ESV

For still the vision awaits its appointed time, it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it. It will surely come, it will not delay.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what situations have you learned (or are learning) to manage Heaven's silence in the inter-testament periods?
2. Considering Pastor's 3 teaching points from this lesson—The explanation, The inspiration, The declaration—which one is resonating with you the most today?