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Group #4: It's Not Impossible, PT I

Luke 1: 28-34 NASB

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you."

29 But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." 34 Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

QUOTE:

"Impossible' is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it."

--Muhammad Ali--

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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What are some things you once believed were impossible, but now you've seen otherwise?

Pastor's Teaching Points

1. Divine Salutation
2. Divine Impartation
3. Understandable Hesitation

Consider how the following scriptures may tie our lesson.

Matthew 19:26 NIV

Jesus looked at them and said 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.'

Mark 11:24 NIV

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours."

Discussion Question:

1. As Pastor walks us through this text, which of the 3 teaching points discussed so far resonate with you the most? And why?
 - Divine Salutation
 - Divine Impartation
 - Understandable Hesitation (probability vs possibility)



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