

Mary, the Mother of Jesus – Nothing is Impossible with God

Believing God for the impossible

Mary believed what God said at the birth, acted on what she knew about God at the wedding, Experienced God within herself in the upperroom.

In other words:

- First she believed what was told her
- Then she believed God in front of her
- Then she believed God inside her

The announcement of the birth of Jesus

Luke 1:26-38 Now in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,** ²⁷ **to a virgin** betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then 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 bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.** ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; 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 of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ **Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"** ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "**The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you;** therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ **For with God nothing will be impossible.**" ³⁸ **Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."** And the angel departed from her.

- God sent a messenger to speak to Mary

- Many people believe this to be the height of communication with God. Speaking directly with an angel. How awesome.
- But this is actually speaking with God by proxy. And really, it is only hearing His voice, not actual communication
- The Angel gives Mary a message – you will birth Jesus.
- Mary notes that this is impossible – **“How can this be, since I do not know a man?”**
- The angel’s response - **For with God nothing will be impossible**
- Mary believed this word - **Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word**

And this is this first phase of believing God for the impossible.

1. Hearing God state that something is going to or can happen
2. Asking how? Basically a little bit of disbelief
3. Getting a generic assurance from God that it can happen
4. Choosing to believe

But this is actually a beginner’s place. Mary had not actually spent time in the presence of God, and only knew Him through His law.

Yes, I am sure she loved God, tried to obey in all ways, and worshipped – but she was not a priest. She was not a prophet where the Spirit of God had come on her. She was a teenager in love.

Mary is believing God to do something and she will be there as it happens. Yes, she is a vessel – I don’t want to minimize that – but this is happening to her. She is along for the ride.

Do not settle for being along for the ride!

Now Mary has spent time with Jesus. She has experienced Him as a boy, a teenager and an adult. 30 years she has spent with Jesus. How has this changed her?

John 2:1-5 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and **the mother of Jesus was there.** ² Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. ³ And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴ Jesus said to her, "**Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.**" ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "**Whatever He says to you, do it.**"

- Mary has moved to Phase 2 – She is no longer believing for the impossible, she is expecting the impossible.
- She is not just hearing what God has said, she is initiating
- Jesus was not ready to begin His signs and wonders portion of His ministry yet. **Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come**
- But Mary knows that the answer to the problem is Jesus so she responds - **Whatever He says to you, do it.**
- Mary changed what Jesus was going to do. She did not hear an angel, but saw a problem, took it to Jesus and expected the impossible to occur.
- Mary is no longer along for the ride. She is navigating and calling out directions.
- But she is still not fully mature yet. She still is seeing miracles outside of her. She is an observer. A part of it, but ultimately watching God work around her. Seeing it played out in front of her.

Now Mary has experienced the resurrection of Jesus. And she is about to experience God **in** her.

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and **Mary the mother of Jesus**, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- Mary is in the upper room with the others when the Holy Spirit falls on them.
- Now Mary experiences God in her. It is no longer God far away sending a messenger, or God in front of her displaying His power. It is God inside of her.
- How does this play out?

Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

- It may have been Peter that preached the sermon, but to deal with this number of people it took all of them. Mary was among them.
- To change someone's life from a path of destruction and hell to life and heaven is the ultimate miracle (**Luke 10:20** "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.")
- Mary is an active participant in this. Not just believing, not just expecting. But God in her acting through her.

These 3 times Mary saw the impossible become possible.

1. She started by agreeing with God. This is so important. She believed that what God said He would do, He would actually do. Even though it was impossible.
2. Then she began to expect God to do the impossible. She began to initiate it. She saw the impossible and brought it to Jesus for Him to take care of. And left it there.
3. Then she began to do it herself with God inside of her. She is now filled with the Holy Spirit and is able to move in the power of God herself.

Champion controversy - When I lift my voice and shout | Every wall comes crashing down | I have the authority | Jesus has given me | When I open up my mouth | Miracles start breaking out | I have the authority | Jesus has given me

Some believe it's crazy to believe that God will speak to you.

Some believe it's impossible that God still does miracles

And many believe it's heretical to believe you can do miracles.

Mary believed all 3.

And I believe that Christmastime is a time when God reminds us of all 3 of those.