

Luke 1:26-38

“With God, Nothing is Impossible”

God's plans, God's timing, God's work not Mary's

God is intervening in this world, upsetting schedules and re-aligning lives because that's what it takes to get God's premiere work of redemption accomplished.

Sermon Outline:

1. The Divine Messenger (26-27)

- God initiates His plans by sending His Word
 - Gabriel, one of God's chief messengers, is sent to Nazareth, an insignificant village in Galilee.
 - God can work through places and people the world may overlook.
 - Mary, a young virgin betrothed to Joseph, of the house of David
 - God chooses Mary, not for her prominence or achievements, but as a demonstration of His sovereign grace.
- Are there areas of your life where you feel overlooked or insignificant? Remember, God often chooses the humble and unseen to fulfill His purposes

2. The Divine Message (28-33)

- “Highly favored” — points to the act of God's grace on her life
- The focus of the message to Mary is not Mary but Jesus
 - His name— Jesus meaning the Lord saves— which is His mission
 - His identity— Great and Son of the Most High affirming his nature and relation to the Father
 - His Mission— to establish an eternal kingdom as the fulfillment of God's promise to David
- God's grace is not something we earn; it is a gift. We are recipients of His unmerited favor.
- Are you aware of God's grace in your life? How is He calling you to respond to it?

3. The Divine Plan and Power (34-37)

- God's plans are fulfilled through His supernatural power
- How can this be?
 - This is not a question of disbelief but a genuine not understanding
- The Holy Spirit
 - A divine work beyond human comprehension
- Evidence of God's power
 - Elizabeth is pregnant despite her old age serves as a tangible sign
 - “Nothing is impossible with God”
- God specializes in accomplishing what seems to be humanly impossible
- He has the power to accomplish what He purposes
- Are you facing a situation that seems impossible? Trust in God's power to work in ways you cannot see or understand.
- God is not limited by human circumstances or logic.

4. The Response to the Divine (38)

- “I am the Lord’s servant”
 - Mary recognizes her position as a servant of God.
 - Despite personal cost— reputation, uncertainty, and future challenges— she submits to God’s will.
 - This is a great miracle in itself
- Her faith and surrender opened the way for God’s redemptive plan to unfold
- How often do we hesitate to obey God because of fear or uncertainty?
- True faith involves surrendering our plans and trusting in His.
- “Yes Lord”

Take away:

- God’s grace chooses the humble, His power accomplishes the impossible, and His plans require faith-filled surrender.
- If God can provide the Savior of the world through a virgin teen in the middle of nowhere Galilee, what can He not do?

Small Group Discussion:

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the Scripture passage and sermon Sunday? What stood out to you? What questions do you have?
2. What does it mean to you personally to be a recipient of God’s grace? Can you share an example of when you experienced God’s favor in your life?
3. How do you typically respond when God calls you to step into the unknown?
4. Are there situations in your life right now that seem impossible? How can this passage encourage you to trust God?
5. What does being a servant of the Lord look like in your daily life? What might God be asking you to surrender to Him today?
6. How does passage challenge or encourage you about how God might use your life for His purposes?