

## **Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions: The Miracles of Christmas: Nothing is Impossible with God**

Luke 1:26-38 tells the familiar story of Mary, the virgin chosen to be used in big ways by God. There are 3 things we need to remember when we approach the miracles of Christmas: 1. We have good reason to rejoice 2. God uses the prepared heart 3. Nothing is impossible with God.

1. A reason to rejoice.

He is our:

- Protector
- Provider
- Deliverer
- Savior
- Redeemer
- Healer
- Shepherd
- He is Almighty God who is on your side!

When it feels like all hell is breaking loose all around you, fear not for the Lord is with you and He will fight for you.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah 4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;

2. The heart God uses.

What type of person does God use? Does a person of real influence have to be a 'perfect' person? What determines if we are going to do great things for God? Can God use me?

Answer: God can use anybody - with one exception. God cannot use a pride filled person. God is the forgiver of sins & the determiner of one's mission in life. If we submit our hearts and lives to God, God can use us to bring Him great glory. God uses a heart that has humbly confessed all sin and desires forgiveness by God. God uses a heart that is submissive to His Will. God can receive glory from a heart that is totally committed to living for Him.

3. Nothing is impossible with God!

Remembering this truth is a key to LIFE. No matter who you are, no matter what your situation, no matter the depth of your despair, no matter your stature or status, nothing is impossible with God. It truly is a Christmas Miracle!