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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

## Nothing Is Impossible With God

God is truly awesome. He is miraculous! He can do it for you. He reminds me of a medical doctor. Why? God provides the perfect antidote (medicine) for us when we are not feeling or doing well. The problem is this, when we receive the prescription from God (His word), we do one of three things. We either take the medicine, so we can get better. We take some of the medicine and end up doing a little better or we refuse to take it all together and eventually end up dying!

My brothers and sisters, what goal, task and /or crisis do you have in your life that you haven't given God the M.D. (miraculous deliverer) an opportunity to bless? Is it that you want to go back to school and get your high school diploma and you are embarrassed. Maybe you think you're too old and you won't remember how to do the Math or English like you did in school. Maybe you never knew how and you think it's too late! Maybe you are struggling as a single parent. You are doing everything you think is correct in your life, but your child is going astray. Maybe you are cohabitating with someone and you know it's wrong, but you don't know how to get out of it. Maybe you are in a relationship that is totally unacceptable to God. Do you have a sexual addiction and you are not married? Are you smoking and/or, drinking and you want to quit and the more you try to stop it yourself, the deeper the bondage. So you live contently because in all these scenarios, you have come to a conclusion that this is just impossible!

My brothers and sisters, "Nothing is impossible with God"! We can be our own worse enemy.

This week God wants you to read Luke 1:26-38. This is the announcement of the birth of the Son of Man. God taught me some lessons in this story and today I am going to share with you. He gave me four points to getting what is impossible in our life accomplished through Him. First, God has favor with His obedient children. Verse (27) tells us that Mary was a virgin engaged to be married. I asked myself "why was Mary picked of all women"? Mary was in right standings through her obedience to God. She was available for the glory God was about to reveal. She was filled with grace and in verses (28-30), Gabriel told her and reminded her that she was a favored one. Mary was obedient, devoted and most of all willing. Remember this also, Mary was living under God's law at this time and not grace. The book of Job 1:1 tells us that Job was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil". God was able to use Him as well.

Second, When you take what ever it may be to God, expect His will to be done! In verses 32-36 you will discover through Gabriel, God's ultimate plan and blessing for us. Through Mary, Jesus will be born. He will come on earth and minister. He will eventually die for us and this death will cover all sins we may have or had! This is AWESOME!!!!!!! This is God's doing through His will. He does not need our help! We should never rationalize His plan as Zacharias did in Luke 1:18. When we do things our way, it will end up in contentment or disaster if not both. May God's will be done not yours and watch the beauty of God's glory in effect.

Third, verse (37) explains it all! God is not limited to anything! We limit ourselves and will change perspectives in a heart beat. He is omnipotent (all powerful). Trust God to do the impossible!

And finally, verse (38) Have faith in God as He accomplishes the task or crisis for you. You must give gratitude for the blessing about to take place. Ask God for patience while He does what He does best. Don't be double minded (James 1: 6). Take it to the altar and leave it! Do not take it back!! Don't turn on God. Have faith. God has assured us He will never leave us or forsake us.

After the previous points given, many of you will have said to yourself, "it sounds good, but too difficult or I'm too old and I am settled in my ways or I am so tired and I just simply feel like giving up! Remember this, disobedience, rebellion and unbelief is the seed that satan plants. As for God, He is simply telling me to tell you that "Nothing is impossible with Him"!

## SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 8:11-12

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Maturity: is patience. It is the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of the long-term gain.