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SERMON OUTLINE

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

LUKE 1:37
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Whatever transpired in your life in 2023, I pray that God will give you confidence that nothing is impossible with Him. In this infancy narrative in the Gospel of Luke, we will be affirmed that nothing is too difficult for God. There is no problem He cannot solve. There is no battle He cannot win. And there is no need He cannot provide.

The angel delivered an announcement from God that Mary had been given divine

favor to be conceived by the Holy Spirit and carry in her womb the Lord Jesus Christ. Mary was concerned with this divine revelation because she was a virgin and had been engaged to Joseph. But the angel assured her that there was nothing to fear for it was part of God's plan of establishing the promised Davidic kingdom (1:26-30).

The angel declared that Mary would give birth to a son and He would be called Jesus. He is our Great God who is sovereign. He is our powerful Lord who is supreme. And He is our eternal King who is sufficient (1:31-33).

The angel described to Mary how it would be possible for her to conceive even though she was a virgin. God would be directly involved in the divine conception of

Jesus, the holy Son of God, through the Holy Spirit. This is a demonstration, not only of God's power but also of God's presence upon her. This same power was manifested in the pregnancy of Elizabeth who was barren and advanced in years. The angel asserted that nothing is impossible with God (1:34-37).

In response to this divine revelation and affirmation that nothing is impossible with God, Mary surrendered herself to the will of God. She identified herself as the servant of God. And she was willing to submit to whatever God had planned for her (1:38).

In this sermon, we will learn three things about Jesus that guarantee He can do greater things for us because nothing is impossible with Him.✱

IMMANUEL GOD WITH US

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Today is the day before Christmas. The long Christmas celebration which started last September is about to culminate this evening in the Noche Buena Feast with family and loved ones that will spill over till tomorrow. Most, if not all, have been preoccupied the past weeks buying gifts for loved ones and friends. This is the season of giving and remembering. Each gift we give and receive is an expression of appreciation as we remember how we have been blessed and how we have been a blessing to others.

In the midst of our celebrations, it is good to be reminded of the greatest gift we could ever receive in life. It is the Father's indescribable gift in the person of His One and Only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Referring to Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). This gift is inexpressible in a sense that it is beyond description. It is indescribable. It pertains to how we, wretched human beings, receive the gift of eternal salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

When the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and instructed him to take Mary as his wife, it was a fulfillment of

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Isaiah's prophecy where it says, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us)" (Matthew 1:23). If you are in Christ Jesus, God is always with you. And with this promise of God's abiding presence comes three guarantees that you can claim.

First, God's provision will always be with you. The writer of Hebrew wrote: "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5). When you recognize God's presence in your life, you will be content knowing God will provide everything you need.

Second, God's power will always be upon you. God said, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10). When you recognize God's presence in your life, you will find courage knowing God will give you the strength needed to overcome your problems.

And third, God's peace will always be in you. Jesus said to His disciples, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I

have overcome the world" (John 16:33). When you recognize God's presence in your life, you will be comforted knowing God already made you victorious in Christ.

This Christmas, remember that Jesus is "Immanuel, God with Us." He came to save us from our sins. And because we received Him as our Savior and Lord, God's presence will always be with us. And as a proper response to God's indescribable gift, we need to share this good news of salvation that brings great joy to everyone and to anyone that God brings in our lives.

Let us keep on directing people to Jesus. He is the greatest gift we can share to others. He provides for those who are in need. He gives strength to those who are weak. He grants comfort to those who are troubled. And most importantly, being in Christ assures us that God will never leave us nor forsake us. During moments of pain, pressures, and problems we experienced this year, God's presence never left us—Jesus is right there in our midst!

May God bless you and your family this Christmas with the abiding presence of Jesus Christ, Immanuel God with Us! May your family and loved ones experience His provision, power, and peace this Christmas! ✱

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