

The God 66-The Impossible Suzanne D. Williams

For with God **nothing** shall be impossible. (Lk 1:37)

Mary, when tasked with carrying the Christ child, asked the angel about the impossibility of it, and the angel laid to rest the wishes of God, once and for all. **There is nothing impossible to God.**

This is a powerful truth, yet in our modern lives, we've relegated the miraculous to a handful of rare instances, half of them strictly from coincidence. We've forgotten the supernatural power of God, written about on page after page. The Bible begins with the impossible – God forming the sun and moon by the power of His word, creating animals ... man ... from dust. Fashioning a woman from Adam's rib.¹ Fast forward within its pages, and a donkey talks; the sun stands still; and the dead come to life again.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear. (Is 59:11)

God's actions are not accidental nor haphazard. He knows what He's capable of, and the Scriptures tell us He's willing. This is the essence of faith, to trust that what we cannot see, what has been deemed impossible, can and will come true. Jesus Himself said, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do."

Often, we are too conscious of our

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We spend a lot of time facing the giants in our lives. We worry about what won't work and what might happen, imaging the worse. The reason we worry is very simple. We can't fix it. If we could remedy our situation, we wouldn't be worried. We would step forward in all our brilliance and solve the dilemma. However, our mental acumen usually leaves us without a solution. We just don't know what to do or how to do it.

How do we stop worrying? It is very simple. We cease concentrating on the giant and take a hard and fast look at the giant killer – God Himself.

David faced the Philistine giant, Goliath, without worry or fear. He didn't look at the giant's great size or vast army. Instead, he stood tall with the proven weapons God had given him. Carrying a sling, a stone and the Name of the Lord of Hosts, he marched confidently forward. Although he was not trained in warfare, he knew his God. He remembered how God had delivered him from the lion and the bear and he was certain God would deliver him from the giant Goliath. He expected a God-given triumph!

Boldly David declared, "The battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hands." His faith was in God and God alone. He did not depend on his own skill and certainly not on the cowardly army behind him. What a magnificent example for us!

If we surrender our concerns to the Lord, He can solve them. He is still Jehovah Nissi – the Lord our Captain. When He is in charge, He leads us to

shortcomings. We allow God the magnificence of doing the impossible, only, once in a while and never through us. But God works in the physical world through men. Our faith should not be in ourselves, but in the power of the Holy Spirit to work through us. God is sufficient, more-thanenough for any situation.⁴

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. (Act 4:33)

I admit sometimes the impossible seems huge. There are things in my life I'd like corrected, but I can't, as yet, picture them that way. I strengthen my faith in the meantime and remind myself daily that, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." All means "all." It includes my health, my finances, the life of my daughter, and my relationship with my spouse. It means when my

water pump needs an expensive repair right before Christmas and my car's tires are bald, when there's no gifts under my tree because I owe money to him and her and them, God is big enough for that.

I've seen great things, impossible things, happen in the lives of my friends this past year, and I rejoice. I go into 2018 with that same heavenly praise, believing for great things in my life. I will press toward God and trust Him for the impossible. It's exciting when you grab hold of it. Right now, unseen to me, God already has the situation under control, and at the moment I need it most, the answer will come.

The Savior arrived in that manner. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, while wisemen studied the stars in the Far East, under the nose of an evil king, He was born to a girl who chose to believe. Not so impossible, after all.

 1 Ge 2:22 2 Eph 3:20;Heb 11:1 3 Jn 14:12 4 Eph 3:20; Php 3:10; Col 1:11 5 Php 4:13

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victory. When we follow Him, He makes us more than conquerors.² He wants us to succeed, and He will cause us to prosper when we yield our hearts to Him.

Worry is a roadblock to victory. Not one dollar comes to us by wringing our hands in concern. A sleepless night does not change a wayward child. A difficult assignment is not made easier when we anxiously pace the floor. A potential loss is not aborted by hysteria and tears. Loud arguments and fear do not prevent divorce. There is only one answer. David understood this when he said that the battle is the Lord's.

Worry plunges us deep into the wilderness, but we cannot blame this on our great and mighty God. When we yield to anxiety, we place ourselves on the wrong path. If we allow stress to dominate us, our mind becomes entangled and harassed by disturbing thoughts. The historical definition of the word "worry" declares that we are tormented and strangled in the same way that one animal shakes and bites another. What a graphic picture!

Recently, I spent an entire night chasing worry. My thoughts kept turning to a potential

dilemma, and over and over again, I would have to take my stand against it. I began with repentance because the Word of God says, "Don't worry about anything." Then, I rehearsed God's promises until I fell asleep. Eventually, I awakened with the giant of worry again seeking dominion over my thoughts. But, God's Word is a mighty weapon. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit always lead us to victory. We will win when they are in control.

When we put our problem into God's hands, He promises peace beyond understanding.⁴ In the Old Testament, this is called "perfect peace."⁵ Can there be anything better than perfect peace? I don't think so. Perfect peace is freedom from frustration and fear. It denotes a calm and undisturbed heart or a state of tranquility and rest. It emphasizes prosperity for the whole man – spirit, soul, and body.

This perfect peace is birthed by trust in God. When we trust Him, He will work by His power to do more than we could ask or think. Therefore, all is well! Isn't it? Certainly, it is! The God of the Universe, our Father, is here and His wisdom and ability are orchestrating our victory. So, WHY WORRY? He will meet every need. AMEN!

¹1Sa 17:45-47 ²Ro 8:37 ³Php 4:6 CEV ⁴Php 4:7 ⁵Is 26:3