

IV. **FOCUS** ON THE POSITIVE (1:46-55)

A. Mary gave **thanks**.

*“Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:”*
Psalm 103:1-2

She was thankful for...

- What God did for **her** (vs 46-49)
- What God did for **us** (vs 50-53)
- What God did for **Israel** (vs 54-55)

B. Maintain an **attitude** of gratitude.

*“The works of the LORD are great,
Studied by all who have pleasure in them.”*
Psalm 111:2

*“giving thanks always for all things to God the
Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,”*
Ephesians 5:20

**THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE THING WAS OUR SALVATION
AND GOD MADE THAT POSSIBLE**

*“In this the love of God was manifested toward us,
that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world,
that we might live through Him.”* I John 4:9

**CHRISTMAS MIRACLES ~
WHEN GOD STEPS INTO YOUR LIFE**

Mary: God Steps Into The Impossible
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INTRODUCTION

A. Impossible. Messy. Interrupted. Do any of these things describe your life as the year comes to a close? This Christmas discover how God can step into your life when you need a miracle!

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,”
Ephesians 3:20

B. In this series you will discover four Christmas miracles. You will also learn how God stepped into lives the first Christmas and how He can step into your life.

TODAY	Mary: God Steps Into The Impossible
Dec 11	Joseph: God Steps Into The Messy
Dec 18	The Shepherds: God Steps Into The Interrupted
Dec 25	Jesus: God Steps Into The World

C. **TEXT:** Luke 1:26-56 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1003/New Testament)

HOW GOD STEPS INTO THE IMPOSSIBLE

Mary was in an impossible situation (1:26-37):

- She was dealing with **criticism** – “What will everyone think?”
- She was dealing with the **supernatural** – “What will happen to me?”
- She was dealing with **inadequacy** – “How can I handle this?”
- She was dealing with **change** – “How will this impact my life?”

I. **EXPECT** THE IMPOSSIBLE (1:26-33)

- A. Joseph and Mary had been planning a **wedding** until God told them to prepare a **nursery**.

“Do not boast about tomorrow, For you do not know what a day may bring forth.” Proverbs 27:1

- B. God will change your **circumstances** in order to change your **character**.

*“6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,”* I Peter 1:6-7

II. **SURRENDER** TO GOD (1:34-38)

- A. Mary was told **what** would happen and **how** it would happen and she totally surrendered herself to God.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:1-2

B. Obedience includes...

- Accepting God’s **Word**

“I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.” Psalm 40:8

- Submitting to God’s **way**

“The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.” Psalm 145:17

III. **FIND** ENCOURAGING SUPPORT (1:39-45, 56)

- A. Mary went to stay in the home of **Elizabeth**.

*“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,
4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”* II Corinthians 1:3-4

- B. You need people in your life that see the **possible** in the impossible.

“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.”

I Thessalonians 5:11

“but exhort one another daily, ...” Hebrews 3:13a