The Impossible

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Please open your Bibles to the gospel of Luke 1. I believe this message will help us. It's already helped me and I pray that it will continue to help you this morning. Once you get to this, let's all stand up. Gospel of Luke 1 and we'll read down in verse 37 and then we'll pray and ask the Master for his help on this glorious Sunday morning. You've heard the verse. Perhaps there might be somebody that it's the first they've read it, I don't know but I know it's going to help somebody.

The Bible says, God's word says, the truth says this,

> "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

I want to talk this morning, just a little thought: the impossible.

Father, help us. I have no doubt in my mind nor my heart that there are many of us that are facing impossible situations this morning: impossibles in our finances, impossibles in our families, impossibles within ourselves but at the same time, they are reminded from the precious mighty life-changing word of God that with you, Father, all things, all things are possible. There is nothing that is impossible. And I pray, God, this morning that the light bulb will come on in somebody's mind and you will show us, God, how we need to trust you even when it looks dark and looks bleak and looks like it's not going to work out, looks like there is no help available. God, help us to see beyond that, Father, help us to see what your word has said. With that, God, we'll thank you.

I pray, God, this morning that somebody will have a life-changing experience. I pray, God, that somebody will see things more clearly than they've ever seen them before. I pray, God, that somebody will have the shackles broken from their hands and their feet, somebody will have their shackles taken off their mind. They can't think, Father, there is a mental block but I pray, God, that you'd unblock it, unstop it so that they can think a whole lot more clearly than they ever have before. For that, God, we'll thank you.

Help me as your servant to rightly divide the word of truth, guide me through the Holy Ghost. Help me so that I can help somebody. With that, God, I personally shout hallelujah.

Oh my Master, there is so much to ask you for, there is so much to plead before your holy throne. I just ask you, God, this morning that you would take every situation, every need that has already been presented that you'd handle it and then, God, those that have not yet been spoken, I pray, God, that already you're working in the midst of that. With that, God, we'll praise you. That's it for now, Father.

We love you so much. Yes, because you first loved us. Help somebody. Help that one that is lost, that needs to be saved this morning whether they be here in the auditorium or perhaps they are watching. Father, by your strength, I don't know but there is somebody, God, I know, that is lost, those who are watching and I pray, God, that somebody will grab a hold of the truth that Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Jesus saves! And with that, God, we'll thank you. Help us. That's it for now.

God bless all those who are preaching across this world. God give them great power and liberty to preach the word of God. With that, Father, we'll thank you. That's it, Master. It's in your Son's name that we pray, Jesus. Amen.

You may be seated.

The impossible. The word "impossible" means "not possible." It means "unable to be." It means, my friends, "to be unable to exist; unable to be done, to be performed or even happen." The synonyms go along like this: contrary, listen to this, contrary to reason. Contrary to reason. There are some things that we try to rationalize and we try to reason and they just don't fit together. That's what this word means. It is contrary to reason but also it means "hopeless." It means there's no way. It's unthinkable. Unimaginable. Impractical.

I remember when I first got in church and I would hear that word, it's not practical. It's not practical. I said, "Well, man, I mean, God's more powerful than that." Amen. Hallelujah. And as I began to look at that word up here, impractical, and it means "lacking sense." In other words, it doesn't make sense. This is not the practical thing to do. This is not the sensible thing to do. But, my dear friends, that's where God works the best. It seems impossible but all God had to do was step out and speak and things began to exist. The Bible says the things that were created were created not by some material thing but just by God speaking the word and the world was created. Just his word caused things to exist.

I'm reading a book now on evolution and it's blowing my mind how folks know today, scientists know today, they can't even prove evolution but they won't come out and say, "Hey, you know what? There's a lot of elements here." They won't even say that. They won't tell the truth and we have our teachers and our schools that are still teaching something that even the scientists and the great men of knowledge would admit right now, you cannot prove that evolution exists but they won't come out and say it. It blows my mind. Do the research. Listen, don't keep your mind so closed that just because somebody says something, anybody for that matter, just because somebody says something, hey, check it out. See what the truth is. Don't be afraid to ask God to reveal

the truth to you. The Bible says, "The truth will make us free," and if you want to know the truth, God will show you what the truth is.

The question is: will we follow the truth that God presents to us? If you want to know the truth about your relationship, ask God. You say, "I don't know about that, Preacher, because this truth might not agree with my decision." But, my friends, he knows exactly what needs to happen, he knows exactly how it needs to be handled. He knows exactly, my dear friends, which way to go. Ask him and he will show you. "How do you know that, Preacher?" Because he said, "Ask and it shall be given. Seek and thou shalt find. Knock and it shall be opened." But sometimes we don't want to knock because we're afraid of what's behind that door. What's behind door #3? I don't want to know.

But God works in the impossible. The Bible said in verse 37, man, some words just hit you. He says, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Does God catch the hesitation. "For with God…nothing shall be impossible." But without God…it is impossible. But with God nothing, not anything, shall be impossible, shall be unable. That is: with God. But oftentimes, my dear friends, by human nature we try to do a lot of things without God. Hold on now, we have good intentions and that's wonderful but, still, if we're doing it without God, it is without God. How can I handle this financial situation? How can I handle this family trouble? How can I handle? Well, first of all, make sure you're doing it with God.

How do you love somebody that hates your guts? With God. Amen? How do you pay for that person that's been talking about you, that's been running you into the ground? You do it with God. But, my friends, oftentimes, we try to do it by ourselves and ourselves aren't rational. I'm going to pray for God's blessing, pray for God's blisterings. But with God, it's possible, to pray for the person that's attacking you, the person that's ridiculing you, the person who is bad-mouthing you, the person who has no confidence in you. Without God it isn't going to work.

Let me give you a few things and we're going to be done. The impossible. In this whole story we see the impossible becoming possible. The first thing that we see, my dear friends, is a messenger that came from God. The Bible said in verse 26 of chapter 1 of Luke, "And in the sixth month," the Bible says, "the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth." That word "angel" also means "messenger." It also has implications like in Revelation, of pastor. It means somebody that God is sending forth. In this case, he has sent the angel Gabriel and Gabriel, many times we'll see in the Bible, Old and New Testament, Gabriel was sent to give some type of an announcement. The Bible said that he was a messenger.

Then we see, my dear friends, the virgin Mary. The Bible says in verse 27, he was sent, and this is a key word, "To a virgin." Notice what it didn't say, it didn't say "young woman." He was sent to a virgin that someone who was never had intimacy with a male. The Bible said that young woman by some versions would have in there, but the Bible says "to a virgin," which means "maiden." It means "unmarried daughter." The Bible says that she was a virgin that "was espoused," or engaged, "to a man whose name was

Joseph." The Bible says, "of the house of David," and the Bible says, and he keeps telling us this, "and the virgin's name was Mary."

The Bible says the messenger comes down and he comes to a young virgin by the name of Mary who, by the way, is in the lineage of David. We're going to do some research back in Matthew and also in the gospel of Luke. The Bible says this: he comes to this woman, then we see the messenger's greeting. The Bible says, "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." That word "hail" means "to be full of cheer." Rejoice. An angel comes by, if they do come by, they're going to have something good to tell you anyway, but an angel comes by and says, "Rejoice!" Why? Because "thou art highly favoured." That word "highly favoured" means this, it means "to be endued with special honor." It means, my dear friends, also "to be much graced." In other words, there was nothing that Mary did that warranted the things about to take place in her life. You say, "Aw, she was this." No, it was by grace. By the way, that's how you and I get saved, by grace. It's not by works of righteousness which we have done, but it's by grace through faith.

The Bible says here that she was highly favoured or much graced. He said, "The Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." What's wrong with that? Well, as you see next, my dear friends, he gives her this greeting but then she has mental confusion. The Bible says in verse 29, "And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying." She was disturbed. And the Bible says, "and cast in her mind," those words all together which means to discuss or to reason in her mind, "what manner of salutation," or greeting, "this should be." What kind of a greeting was this? He tells me that I'm highly favoured, he says I'm blessed and all this kind of stuff. Well, what means this? Amen? What's going on here?

She begins to reason this out in her mind. Do you know that's how we are a lot of times when God begins to reveal some certain things to us, sometimes, my dear friends, we are a little bit confused. I mean if God ever called you to do anything, those who have been called to preach, most people called to preach are confused by it. "Me? God, you can't be calling me. You've got the wrong person." I listened to one guy preach this morning, he was preaching and he had a whole list of folks to be called instead of him. He said he didn't understand this. Amen?

Mary is standing there and here comes this angel and this doesn't happen every day. An angel comes down and says, "Hey, you have been highly favoured. You're blessed among women." She's like, "I don't understand this. I'm trying to figure this thing out. What's going on here?" Now, watch what happens next, then we see the message clearly given to her. The Bible says in verse 30, "And the angel said unto her, Fear not," don't be afraid, stop trembling, "Mary: for thou hast found favour," that word "favour" again is "grace," "thou hast found favour," or grace, "with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb," in thy stomach, in thy matrix, "and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus."

The Bible says, “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” We see two things here: we see the deity of Jesus Christ, his God-ship so to speak, as well as his humanity. He is going to be called the Son of the Highest. If you study that out, my dear friends, somebody that is called the Son of God or the Son of the Highest means they are equal with God. That’s why the Jews wanted to stone him so many different times because they say he’s the Son of God. That means he’s his offspring; that means that he is equal to God and that he is God. They knew exactly what that meant.

Look what the Bible says: he’s going to take over the throne of his father, David. That’s the human side, my dear friends. Jesus Christ was all God at the same time he was all man. Somebody said that’s impossible. What’s that verse we read a few moments ago? “With God all things are possible.” We don’t have a limited God, my dear friends. We have a God, my dear friends, that has all power, all ability. That’s the kind of God that we serve.

Then we see the message. That message, again, was to the mystery. The Bible says in verse 34, “Then said Mary unto the angel,” now, I just ain’t off the boat, “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” In what way is this going to happen? You see, now we’re moving into our message: the impossible. “How is it that here I am, I’ve never been intimate with a man, how in the world am I going to have a child? How in the world is this going to take place? I don’t understand this.” This is a mystery.

There are a lot of things in life that are a mystery. It’s a mystery even how you and I get saved. It’s a mystery. I mean, all of a sudden, my dear friends, you come forward whether it be in a service or whether it be at the house or on the phone, different ways that you’ve been trusting Christ as your Savior but you know, when you get saved, something happens. A transformation takes place in your heart but also in your mind. All of a sudden, certain things that you didn’t understand before, are a little bit clearer than they were before. All of a sudden, it’s not just a ritual. All of a sudden, there is a relationship that you are beginning to have with a holy God. All of a sudden, my dear friends, you are reading the word of God and it isn’t the same anymore. All of a sudden, when you pray it’s different.

But you have to ask yourself a question: if there is no change that has taken place, then what’s wrong? Now, many have come to the cross and left the same way they came. There is no change. There is no change in behavior, there is no change in their speech. Now, they’ll try to maybe come to church but then you can’t find them with a search warrant. You ask Brother Leonard, I mean, he’s been saved 40+-50+ years now. If you try to list certain folks that he saw make a profession of faith and then he’s never seen them again. Go by and visit them, “Hey, we missed you.” “Oh well, we had to move….” What’s going on here?

Folks, when a person trusts Jesus Christ as their Savior, in fact, let me read it to you. Let’s run over to Romans real quick. Romans 8? May be the wrong book. “Old things

pass away but behold all things become new." We're going to find it. If we have to stay until 6 o'clock, we're going to find it. You all were no help, all 100 of you. Look at 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ," he is an old creature. No, I'm sorry. The Bible says, "he is a new creature." That word "creature" means "formation." It means "creation; a new building." "Old things are passed away; behold, all things," behold, all things, behold, all things, "are become new." That's the Bible.

But, my dear friends, if there's nothing there that is changed, then something is wrong because there's a difference that takes place in your life. And that thing is amazing. It happens. All of a sudden, you have a desire to go to church. They don't have to beg you when you first get saved. Now, if you're going to stay for a while, you get called in a different way. That's a different message but when a newborn baby, when these little ones came out, my dear friends, and when we came here in this world, what did we want? Milk. We couldn't say milk, we didn't know how to spell milk, we didn't know what it was but we knew we wanted milk. We knew we wanted something that would quench our thirst and as soon as we got the milk, we stopped crying. That's natural. But when a baby gets here and it won't drink milk, there is something wrong. By the way, the baby doesn't have to be taught to drink milk. They don't have to be taught to want to drink milk. It automatically, automatically, automatically wants some milk.

Well then, what is it, my dear friends, when a person says, "Yes, I got saved," and the same day, they don't even want to come back to church. Don't even want to pray. Don't want to read their Bibles. My dear friends, let's not fool ourselves, something did not take place because, my friends, the Bible says that you have not become a new creature. We are a new creation. Old things pass away but all things become new. You've got a new hunger, a new desire and unfortunately there are many folks that are going to sit in churches across this world and die and go to hell. Go to hell because they won't admit the fact that they're not saved.

"Well, I got saved." That's wonderful but what does it say for our relationship with Jesus Christ? With a real genuine Holy Ghost relationship with Jesus when you know you leave this world? ? And never goodbye. That wasn't part of the message but praise God.

A mystery takes place. Then he tells her the method, how it's going to happen. Now, flip back with me over to Luke and see what the Bible says here in Luke 1. This is the method, the Bible says in verse 35, "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost," the sacred pure Spirit, "shall come," shall arrive, "upon thee, and the power," the miraculous power, "of the Highest," talking about the Supreme God, "shall overshadow thee," or cast a shade upon thee, "therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." He told her what would happen, the Holy Ghost is going to cover her, my dear friends, and the Bible says that the power of the Holy Spirit is, what does it say here? The Bible says here, "and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee."

I began to look that word up and it's only used six times including this verse in the Bible and one of those times, it mentions that it was when Peter and them were walking

through the city and the folks couldn't get close to him and some folks actually laid them down there before them so that just their shadow could pass over them and they would be healed. The Bible says that they were healed just the same exact word. Just that power coming through them from God would touch those persons covered by that shadow and they would be healed. The Holy Spirit of God, he threw the shadow over her, my dear friends, and the Bible says that she was with child and that child would be called who? The Son of God, talking about Jesus.

Man, I don't know about you all, but this mystery here and the method, it's mind blowing and that's what we see, my dear friends. He's also telling us something else: he's confirmed this to her and he tells her another miracle in verse 36, he says, "And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren." You know your cousin? She's of an old age. I looked up the word "old age" here and it means this: it means "senility, senile." But the word originally means somebody that's just simply old. That's what it means. In other words, my dear friends, she was past the age of bearing children. Can you imagine today somebody 90 years old? I mean, you'd be like, "What in the world? This ain't natural. It's supernatural."

He tells her about another miracle that's taking place because she was barren but now she is going to have a child. What was that child's name? Somebody tell me. John the Baptist. That was Jesus' cousin. Hallelujah. So the Bible tells us. Do you know what? Do you know what the Bible says? He said he was unworthy to unlatch his shoes and he's talking about how Jesus was before him. Wait a minute, he was six months older than Jesus but he recognized him being here before the world even began, my dear friends, because the Bible says, "In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God and the Word was God." Then it says in verse 14-15, it talks about how the world was manifest, he became flesh and dwelt among us. That's another message.

So we see, my dear friends, he tells about another miracle. Then we get down to the place I want to get to. Then we see that mind blowing statement, he says in verse 37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." You might want to close that door, we can hear babies crying. The Bible says this: "For with God nothing," not anything, "shall be impossible." In other words, my dear friends, you think about the biggest thing that happened in your life that seemed like it was impossible but with God, the Bible says, nothing is impossible.

Now, my question is: how is Mary going to respond? The Bible says she responds by saying this, Mary submits to God's authority. The Bible says, "And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord." Somebody says, "So, what's wrong with that?" What does that word mean? That word "handmaid" means "a female slave." "I ain't nobody's slave." What does a slave do? What the Master says. Mary says right here, Behold the handmaid of the Lord," I am your female slave, "be it unto me according to thy word." "I'm your servant. I'm your slave. I'm following you and let it happen exactly like your word says."

I wonder how many of us are willing to be slaves for God? Let me show you something. Go over to Matthew 6:24, look what the Bible says here, "No man," no person, "can serve two masters." That word "serve" means "to be a slave." "No man can be a slave to two masters for either he will hate the one," that means he'll detest the one, "and love the other; or else he will hold," to take care for, to support, adhere, "to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and," who? "Mammon." The word "mammon" means "wealth" or "riches."

So you say, "I'm not serving riches." Are you sure? Some folks are a slave to money. Are slaves to jobs. "Well, God gave me this job." Did he? I don't think that God would give out jobs for people to have as strippers. I'm just saying. Why? Because that goes against his word. The Bible says – let me show you something. Look what it says over here in Matthew 5 and look at verse 28. The Bible says this, "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his," where? "Heart." That word here "looketh" means ? but that word "lust" means a desire to covet. In other words, he wants to have her. The Bible says if a man looks at her, he doesn't touch. If a man looks at a woman and I'm not talking about, "Aw, she's pretty." No, he looks.

The Bible says you commit adultery in your heart. "Who are you talking about, Preacher?" So go back to what I just said: would God give a woman a job as a stripper knowing that men are going to come in there and lust after her? That would be sinning. That's the whole point of the profession. "We're just all making money." No, you're making money off somebody's lust. They come in there to look at you, desire you, to want to be with you and all that kind of stuff and throwing money and all that kind of stuff like that. My dear friend, God didn't give you that job.

Sometimes we'll say, "Well, God gave me the job at the beer joint. God gave me the job at the gambling boat. God gave me the job at…" You are all so funny. I mean, what's the name? Nobody's going to say it. "I'm not going to pronounce that word. No. I'm not going to pronounce that word." Harry's. You all know what I'm talking about. The boat. Harris. "God gave me that job." Wait a minute, folks. Here lately people were telling me how folks actually sleep in their cars. Sleep in their cars. They'll go out and sleep in their cars and they're waiting to go back in there. The money that folks are spending, money they don't even have.

Now, the Bible does talk about the regular law of aiding and abetting. I mean, if Brett comes running into my house with a tv and he says, "I'm gonna hide this for a minute." I said, "Man, alright, just sit over there man but I ain't got nothing to do with this." Then the police come by, "Did you see a man come out." "No." They find Brett in my house with a tv, what are they going to do with me? I'm like, "I didn't steal a tv. I didn't go down there." Yeah, but you're aiding and abetting. You helped him to continue doing what he was doing.

My dear friends, if a lot of folks at the boat that work there were not working because they're Christians, they probably wouldn't have any boat. As a matter of fact, my dear

friends, some of the churches have church buses that will take the people to the boat. Now, if that isn't hypocrisy. There's something wrong. ? preach on Sunday morning if on Saturday we need to pick up those down here and run them up to the boat. We didn't work there, we're just driving the bus, making some money. Can you imagine, Sonrise Baptist Church, big old bus out there and we're paying for it down to the boat. Something's wrong. I'm going to tell you what's happening, my dear friends, it goes back to this verse right here, back in chapter 6, "No man can serve two masters for either he will hate the one and the love the other or else he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

We've got guys out their selling dope. Why? Because I've got to make a living. "I ain't smoking it. I ain't snorting it but, hey, folks are going to do it so, you know what, I might as well be out here making me some money too. I've got to hustle. I've got to pay for my kids, their food but I'm not doing it. I'm just selling it." Have you lost your mind? And they've got the audacity to thank the Lord and praise God.

Guys get there on the awards and they got lyrics in songs cussing, degrading women. They get up and there's like this, "I want to thank God for allowing me to have this gift and this talent that I have." Do you think God is sitting in that room with you when you're putting them vulgar lyrics down on that page? "Oh, that's a good job, Son." And then he says in ? corruption that comes out your mouth? Somebody has lost their mind. But you know what it is, don't you? "Well, I ain't judging nobody." What's this? You judging. You judging. She's judging. She said that this is our daily bread. You're judging this. You should be ashamed of yourself. What's wrong. Didn't your Momma teach you not to judge?

But listen my dear friends, if you are addicted to dope, crack and you're a crack head, don't misunderstand. You won't be judging me. If you're a thief and you're stealing, what do you want me to say? "Oh, he ain't really stealing. I don't want to judge him. I don't want to judge him." He's cussing, he has a filthy mouth. "You've got a filthy mouth." "You stop judging me. Stop judging me." "I just told you you had a filthy mouth and you're cussing and stuff." "What are you talking about?"

My dear friends, we live in a society that right now that they have almost told every person that they are a born again believer and we don't want to say anything about anything. But my dear friends, all we're doing is compromising, playing with the word of God. The Bible says that we are to help those who are weak. We're supposed to encourage them and tell them the truth. But you say, "Aw, but it ain't my business."

Look at 1 Thessalonians 5. Look at what it says over here in chapter 5:14 and you study these words out. The Bible says and this is to the church, God's word says, "Now we exhort you," we encourage you, "brethren, warn them that are unruly." How can I warn the unruly without determining that somebody is unruly? You're judging. He goes on to say, my dear friends, he says this, "and comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." That's what we're doing, "Well, I'll be patient. I'll support. I'll comfort but I ain't gonna warn," because if I warn you, that means I've got to tell you

that you're going the wrong way. But we have warning signs. Can you imagine riding the street and they don't have the sign that says "Do not enter," when all the traffic is going this way. Wouldn't you want somebody to put a sign up, "Do not enter." Or you're on the expressway and they have those signs that say, "Wrong way." I want to sign that says "Wrong Way." Okay, I'll get off this way.

The Bible teaches us in the word of God that we're supposed to tell people when they are going the wrong way. "Well, we don't want to tell anybody nothing. I don't want them not liking me." But they're lost without the Lord Jesus Christ and may die and go to hell. Do you think they'll really like you because you didn't tell them? Because you wouldn't warn them? I didn't say to go over there and kick the door open and saying, "Bless God, you'd better get yourself right now. I'm telling you that." I didn't say to do that. But at the same time, the Bible teaches us to warn.

"What are you saying, Preacher?" All the things that you're talking about doing, you can't do it on your own power. You can't do it in your own strength. But the Bible does say, "With God all things are possible."

Let me give you this and we'll be done, actually I lost some of you all. Look back in Luke 1 and look what the Bible says over here. The Bible says in verse 37, "For with God nothing," not anything, "shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord," I am your slave. God is looking for some folks to be his slaves. That means they're his servant, he's their Master. "Be it unto me according to thy word." When she said these things, that's when the Bible says, "The angel departed from her." Mission accomplished.

I've got two questions and I'm done. First question is: what is it that seems impossible in your life? What is it that seems impossible in your life? It might not be a financial situation, it might be a relative that needs your help, they need your spiritual help but you say it's impossible. It's impossible. But what is in your life that seems impossible?

Secondly this: do you believe not my words but do you believe God's word? Look what she said right here, she said, "Be it unto me according to thy word." That's why it's so important to study the word so that you know what the word says. What does the word say about being successful? What does the word say about overcoming depression? What does the word say about being victorious? What does the word say? Find out what it says. Do some studying on it. Dig down in that thing.

Lastly, simply this: will you submit? Will you submit? That means, simply saying, I'm going to die to myself which is contrary to what the world teaches today. The world teaches me today, "I'm the greatest. I'm the best. I'm this…I'm…I'm….I'm." But I'm going to submit myself to your leadership. I'm going to submit myself to your authority and follow you. That's contrary to what the world teaches today. You talk to the average young person and they say, "I'm the best. I'm the best. I'm the best." It's about me, myself and who? And I. Can you imagine the selfish world we'd really be in if we all thought just about our own self? If I was to go along with some of the teachings that you

see that's propagated on the television and I only thought about myself and Jolene thought only about herself and the list goes on, man, we'd be all messed up. Because nobody then, my dear friends, would do what the Bible says, 1. to simply please God but also the Bible teaches in other places about pleasing each other too. None of this would take place because we are thinking more about self and nobody else. Selfishness causes us to seek things that are going against what God's word says. But are we willing to die to ourselves? I can't make you. You can't make me. What will we do? I'm submitting to your authority.

These are words that are contrary to the world but they aren't impossible because the Bible says, once again, this verse 37, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." In other words, with God I can submit. With God I can yield to him. With God I can believe his word. With God I can do and I am able to overcome anything that I face in life. With God. Without him, my marriage will fall apart. Without him, my home will be unstable. Without him, it's going to be up/down, up/down but with God I can have stability. I can have that stability if all things are possible with God. God wants us to be victorious. He doesn't want us to walk around defeated.

What are we going to do? The decision is ours.

Father, thank you for your many wonderful blessings and I've tried my best to convey the message that you gave to me to give out to the people today. It was a little different message but nonetheless it was the message, Lord, which you laid upon my heart. I just pray and ask God that somehow, some way, someone will grab a hold of some truth that will help them to realize that no matter what they are facing in this life that seems impossible, as a matter of fact it is impossible with man. It's impossible with us but, Father, with you, it's not impossible. With you, Father, you can take care of everything whether it be a bill situation, a health situation, whether it be a relationship situation. No matter what it is, Father, with you it's possible.

Perhaps, God, there are some folks that come talk to you this morning that say, God, help me to believe your word like Mary did. And by the way, Father, we saw this take place, she was rewarded with the child Jesus that came into the world to save us. Father, I pray that today that there be some folks, God, that will believe your word, read the word, see what it says and believe what that word says and they receive the victory. It says to cast all my cares upon you because you care for us.

The Bible says, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Lord, help us to believe that word. Trust and obey, help us to believe that word. Ask, seek, help us to believe that word. Please help us. Help somebody. Somebody here this morning who say they're lost, I pray they get that solved this morning, today, now, right now. Please help somebody. For it is in your Son's name we pray, Jesus. Amen.