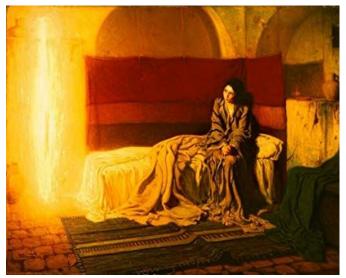


Nothing Will Be Impossible with God



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What would it have been like for Mary as the angel Gabriel told her she will be with child? This was not a part of "the plan." I'm sure it was not a part of the plan for that day or for her life. At least Mary didn't know it was part of the plan. The angel tells her not to be afraid. She has many questions. She asks, "How can this be." Gabriel assures her, "Nothing will be impossible for God." Her heart is filled with courage and trust as Gabriel sends her focus away from the situation and to the Father. She reflects on the Father's love and provision for her. She remembers the ways

He has already made the impossible possible in her life thus far and in the life of her ancestors. This is the God who parts the seas and dwells with his people. Peace washes over her, stilling her mind and her heart. This peace drowns out the plan of the enemy: anxiety, doubt, fear. With God nothing will be impossible. With God, that is the key.

Challenge

During this Advent season as the Christmas holiday draws near, you may find yourself facing anxiety. There may be things in your life that feel impossible. Things may not be going according to plan. Go to the Lord in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the things in our lives that we have labeled "impossible." Write them down. Each time this week that you catch yourself saying or feeling that something is impossible stop and reaffirm to yourself "Nothing will be impossible for God." Write in on your bathroom mirror, display it on your desk, or carry a small piece of paper in your pocket as a reminder. Then let "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7) "for to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (IS 9:6).