

**There are two types of people:**

- a. Those who see the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Those who see the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

“When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.”  
Romans 1:12

**Here’s what I believe:**

*“The CHURCH needs us and we need the CHURCH.”*

**3. We reflect on that gift \_\_\_\_\_**

“...but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.” Luke 2:19

“How amazing are the deeds of the Lord! All who delight in him should ponder them.” Psalm 111:2

**When faced with the impossible, do we**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ on the impossibility in front of us
- b. Or, do we \_\_\_\_\_ on our God who is for us?

“If God is for us, who can ever be against us?” Romans 8:31

“God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.” 1 John 4:9

**Here’s what I believe:**

“Just like Mary learned how to TRUST God and BELIEVE that THROUGH Him everything is possible, so must we.”

**THE MIRACLES OF CHRISTMAS**

**“WHEN LIFE SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE – MARY”**

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“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as if nothing is a miracle. The other is as if everything is.” Albert Einstein

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead; his eyes are closed.” Albert Einstein

**Miracles often come**

- At the most unexpected \_\_\_\_\_  
“The day will come, says the Lord, when... I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line.” Jeremiah 33:14-15
- From the most unexpected \_\_\_\_\_  
“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.” Micah 5:2
- In the most unexpected \_\_\_\_\_  
“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, ‘Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!’”  
“Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ‘Don’t be afraid, Mary,’ the angel told her, ‘for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!’”

“Mary asked the angel, ‘But how can this happen? I am a virgin.’”

“The angel replied, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail.’”

“Mary responded, ‘I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.’ And then the angel left her.” Luke 1:26-38

#### **We Learn From Mary**

**God often uses our most \_\_\_\_\_ circumstances  
to show us His \_\_\_\_\_ love**

#### **Mary’s Miracle Message –**

**“For nothing is impossible with God.”  
Luke 1:37**

#### **Here’s what I believe:**

*“Christmas is God’s way of telling the world that He is the business of making the impossible POSSIBLE.”*

#### **To receive God’s gift of the POSSIBLE this Christmas**

##### **1. We receive that gift through \_\_\_\_\_**

“Mary responded, ‘I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.’ And then the angel left her.” Luke 1:38

**“Is there room in the midst of your impossibility?”**

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,

and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever.” Luke 1:46-55

“She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.” Luke 2:7

- **God’s gift of the POSSIBLE often comes \_\_\_\_\_**
- **In the midst of the \_\_\_\_\_**
- **Over \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **Here’s what I believe:**

*“Some of God’s greatest miracles come at the most ordinary times so we often miss them.”*

##### **2. We receive that gift with \_\_\_\_\_**

“A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

“Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, ‘God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.’” Luke 1:39-42