

FAMILY DEVOTION :: PRIME : MISFITS

LESSON 3 :: WHATEVER YOU SAY (IS POSSIBLE)

When you think of how quickly technology has advanced in the last 100–150 years, it's pretty staggering. Just think about it: In 1875, Alexander Graham Bell heard the first sounds over a very primitive telephone. Now we speak to each other from around the world using wireless technology through cell phones as well as computers. There are no limits in the ways that we can communicate now compared to when it used to take days, weeks, and months for word to travel over long distances. On December 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright were the first to ever fly an airplane. Today, literally thousands of planes take to the skies every day all over the world, carrying thousands upon thousands of people from one end of the earth to the other—not to mention that we have made several trips into outer space, such as to the moon and back.

If those who lived 150 years ago suddenly found themselves in the here-and-now, they would be amazed by what seemed virtually impossible in their day and time.

Read Luke 1:26–38 together as a family. Explain that Mary was confronted with a situation that seemed virtually impossible: to conceive and carry a child as a virgin. Nevertheless, Mary listened intently as Gabriel explained God's plan and how He intended to use her in His plan. Her only response in the end was, "I am the Lord's servant . . . May your word to me be fulfilled." Not only did Mary believe that God could do the impossible, but she would be faithful and obedient to what He said and had planned.

How much do we believe God when we read His Word and discover how He wants to use us in His plan? It might mean that we have some questions at first. We might even wonder about whether it is possible. But in the end we're called to step out in faith and, like Mary, admit that we are the Lord's servants. Once we've made that step of faith, we will be even more amazed at how God can take something we thought impossible and turn it into reality. When we live in a relationship with God, life is a great adventure. Are you ready to see Him do the impossible through you?

CONNECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things that you would qualify as being impossible today that you might return in a 150 years to discover are really possible?
2. What have you sensed that God wanted to do through your life that you had deemed impossible?
3. How have you trusted God to do some pretty impossible things in and through your life?
4. What are the biggest challenges to your faith, and what holds you back from taking steps in faith?
5. How would others realize that you believe God to do the impossible?

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