

# **The Breath of Christmas**

(Nothing Is Impossible For God)

## **I. I want everyone to take a moment, close your eyes, still your heart for there is something in the air.**

A. Do you sense it? Can you feel it? It is the “Breath Of Christmas.”

### **1. The breath of Christmas brings us many things.**

a. It brings us a Savior and it brings us our Salvation, which then brings us Solutions for our lives.

### **b. It also brings us the anticipation and the expectation of good things.**

1) It’s in the air all around us and at all times.

2) **Even those who don’t know Christ can sense it this time of the year**

2. But ultimately it brings us the possibility of the impossible becoming possible in our lives.

## **B. The whole concept of Christianity is about the impossible becoming possible.**

1. We are called people of faith, because it takes faith to believe what we believe.

### **2. That our God can be everywhere at the same time - “how can this be?”**

3. That He can hear everyone’s prayer at the same time no matter what language they are speaking in - “how can this be?”

4. That He knows everything, He knows the past, present, and future - “how can this be?”

5. A God that hates sin, but loves sinners - “how can this be?”

## **C. This morning I want us to once again be people of faith.**

1. I want our faith to put a demand on God for the impossible for and through our lives

a. **The faith of the woman with the issue of blood put a demand on God for the impossible - Mark 5:24-26**

b. The faith of a blind beggar in Mark 10:46-52 put a demand on God for the impossible.

### **2. But we are going to have to be willing to pay the cost - Everything that we have.**

a. Woman with the issue of blood - would lose her life

**b. Blind beggar - the best day of begging and his only valuable possession.**

3. Faith that will risk everything, will attain to all things.

**What temporal things are you willing to risk in order to attain to something eternal**

What ordinary things are you willing to risk in order to attain to something extraordinary

**What earthly things are you willing to risk in order to attain to something heavenly**

## II. How do we like Mary move from “How can this be?” to “be it done to me according to your word.”

### A. The Proposition - Luke 1:26-33

#### 1. We have a God who says impossible things.

a. He says if you want to live, you have to die

**b. If you want to find something, you have to lose something.**

c. If you want to be great, get you a towel and start serving.

**d. And if you want to be first, get at the end of the line - “How can this be?”**

#### 2. We have a God who expects impossible things, both for us and from us.

**a. He expects to see the invisible, to hear the inaudible, and to know that which surpasses knowledge.**

b. He expects us to preach the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.

**c. He expects us to heal the sick, cast out demons and to raise the dead.**

d. He expects to become like He is and do what He does and if we do we will get all that He has.  
Matthew 6:33 “How can this be?”

### B. The Problem - Luke 1:34 - How can this be - Pastor Time did an excellent job with this.

### C. The Proof - Luke 1:39-45 - Elizabeth pregnant

#### 1. Mary went looking for the proof that God did provide and will continue to provide.

a. Joseph told by an angel in a dream that the child was from the most high - Matthew 1:20

**c. Joseph told in a dream to when to flee when to come home - Matthew 2:13-20**

d. The wise men, the shepherds

#### 2. If your are looking, you will see signs of the impossible at every leg of the journey

### D. The Process - Luke 1:38 - God will do the impossible in your life in order to do the impossible for your Life

#### 1. “May it be done to me.” Mary understood something had to be done to her before it could be done for her and through her.

a. Ephesians 3:20 - To the degree you let His power work in you is the same degree His power will work in you.

b. **Psalm 23 - To the degree you accept the Rod is the degree you get the staff.**

c. Acts 20:32 - To the degree you let God's grace build you up is the degree you will receive your inheritance. Galatians 4:1-2

2. **Mary understood that before the word would deliver her from something it would first deliver her through something**

a. Daniel 3 - The three Hebrew children were delivered through the fire

b. **Phil 4:11-13 - The KJV says "everywhere and in all things I am instructed"**

1) The Greek word for instructed or learned is "mueo" which means:

- **to initiate into the mysteries**
- to give one an intimate acquaintance with a thing

c. **Until instruction takes place, provision or deliverance won't take place.**

1) Matthew 8:23-27 - The stilling of the storm was the result of no faith

2) **Matthew 14:22-32 - This time one of the disciples (Peter was instructed by the storm) instead of being delivered from it he decided to learn how to walk on it.**

- Once the lesson was learned, the storm was still automatically
- **The best way to still a storm is to be instructed by it.**

3) Psalm 103:10 states that "*God has not dealt with us after our sins.*"

- **His dealings aren't to hurt us, but to help us.**
- His dealings aren't to punish us but to promote us
- **His dealings aren't to condemn us to hell, but to conform us to heaven**

3. But if we can persevere, like Mary, like the woman with the issue of blood, like the blind man, we can attain the impossible and have something unbelievable happen our lives.

### **DON'T QUIT**

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit --  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

**Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As every one of us sometimes learns**

**And many a failure turns about  
When he might have won had he stuck it out,  
Don't give up, though the pace seems slow...  
You may succeed with another blow.**

Success is failure turned inside out --  
The silver tints of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar;  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit --  
It's when things seem worst that you mustn't quit.

**4. Following one of the many “impossible words” that I have received during my Christian walk.**

- a. Here is my very first one - “Son, if you surrender to me, you need to surrender to the authorities, for I will do my best for you.”
  - **Received the worst sentence - 30 years**
  - Was sent to the worse prison - Gladiator School
  - **Was sent to the worse dorm - Gang infested - was singled out during the riot of 73**
  - Had the worse guard take a dislike to me because I carried a bible - The Heater
  
  - **Was challenged to see myself as an ambassador and not a prisoner**
  - Was challenged that God had a life for me in there
  - **Was challenged that I could be a world changer.**
  
- b. First the impossible happened to me
  - **A murderer became a minister**
  - A prisoner became a preacher
  - **A cheater of the weak became a champion for the weak**
  
- c. Then the impossible happened through me
  - **Helped to stop all the x rated movies from coming in**
  - Instrumental in starting an inmate church
  - **Busted up the prostitution ring in prison**
  - Helped transformed Gladiator School into Bible School
  
- d. **Then the impossible happened for me**
  - I got paroled four months after I had been set off for 5 more years.
  - **God moved on a Lieutenant to frustrate the “heater’s one last attempt”**

God is no respecter of persons. What He has done for Mary, the woman with the issue of blood, the blind man, and for me. He will do for you. But you will have to go through the process