



Nothing is impossible with God.

Luke 1:37

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Dear Friends:

This verse from the Christmas story is one of most popular memory verses we have ever used with the children in the afterschool tutoring program at Washington Street Mission. The children like it because it's short and easy for them to memorize, but it also has a powerful message.

Like Mary needed to hear the angel tell her, the children here need to know that there is absolutely nothing that God cannot do. He can give them the strength they need to face the difficult challenges in their lives. His infinite power can give them hope for the future.

Many of the other people we serve at Washington Street Mission also need to know that truth and experience that hope in their lives. Too often they feel trapped by their circumstances and the poor choices they have made in the past. They need to know that nothing is impossible with God.

This verse also reminds us that the story of Christmas is a miracle story. Sometimes the story is so familiar to us that we miss just how miraculous it really is -- a child born of a virgin, angels appearing to shepherds, an imperial decree for a census at just the right time, a strange star shining in the sky and guiding Magi from a distant country, the fulfillment of an ancient prophecy about the little town of Bethlehem. The story is miraculous from beginning to end because it is the story of God's direct intervention in human history.

As we point people to the Savior who came into our world at Christmas, we hope that they will learn to trust him and rely on his power in their lives.

For many people the Christmas season is a difficult time of the year. We understand that this year with the current economic conditions there will be additional financial strains for many families. Many charitable organizations like the Mission will also face added financial pressures. All of us need to use this opportunity to rely on God's strength, knowing that nothing is impossible for him.

As the ministry of Washington Street Mission continues to expand with the recent addition of new restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities this year, we need your support more than ever. Please give as generously as you can.

Let's celebrate with new hope in our powerful God the miracle of Christmas this year.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Mitchell
Executive Director