

## Advent Calendar: Day 5

The reflections for this week are centered around the readings for this Sunday's texts  
Isaiah 7:10-14, 1 Timothy 3:16, Luke 1:26-38

### Luke 1:37

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

It is nearly insane that during a season in which we tell fanciful stories of flying reindeer and present deliveries through the chimney, we continue to limit the amazing but real possibilities enabled by God. I tend to be a pragmatic guy and too often take on the role of reining in the fanciful dreams of my children and even spouse with practicality and reason. Sometimes practicality and reason are appropriate, but too often they place artificial limits on the power and possibilities that God may see realized in and through us. There are no limits to what God can do with a willing heart. Don't ever let a pragmatic voice limit the designs that the Lord is forming for your life. As Jesus said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Like Mary, you are a chosen instrument of God's work, believe the impossible.

Recall and share other stories where people with faith and confidence accomplished the impossible. Biblically there are many: Abraham and Sarah in their old age bearing a Son; Daniel and the lion's den; a shepherd boy (David) becoming king over Israel; a fisherman (Peter) becoming a lead disciple for Christ; a persecutor of the Church (Paul) becoming the apostle to the Gentiles. God often used the most unexpected people to do the most amazing things. Let God use you.