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In the Name of Jesus the Seed of the woman who crushed the serpent's head, dearly redeemed of God:

Why is it that our plans don't always succeed? Put in the time, do all the research, pay the bills, but sometimes your best falls short. One grandfather bought matching Christmas tree ornaments for his grandchildren. But when he got home from Europe, he found out his daughter-in-law was expecting. Oops! One ornament shy of a full set! Sometimes we don't have all the information, can't cover the cost, or don't care for the plan anymore. Maybe it's not worth the time and trouble. Our time and treasure can run out, but isn't this great? **Nothing Is Impossible With God** – not even this:

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Before time began God wrote a perfect symphony. Now it was time to play. *“In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God...”*¹ Gabriel had already told aged Zechariah that he and barren wife Elizabeth would have a son whom they were to name John. Six months of music playing...

“In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth....” God had promised through the prophets that the Messiah would come from *“Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”* And the designated town of His upbringing was to be Nazareth, for *“He will be called a Nazarene.”* (Isaiah 9:1f; Matthew 2:23 NIV84)

“In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God...to a virgin....” More on that later. This virgin was engaged *“to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David.”* Sometimes it seems like God's plans take forever, but when they finally happen, it's not like a few notes here and there. Volumes of blessings like a soaking summer downpour relieve our hearts aching because of sin.

David was the king we heard about in today's Old Testament Lesson from 2 Samuel 7. He had conquered Jerusalem and decided to build a temple for the LORD. Nathan the prophet thought it was a good idea. But *that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan* with a whole different plan. Instead of David building a house for the LORD, God said, *“The LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever....Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”* (2 Samuel 7:11–16 NIV84)

Now a thousand years after David the symphony was playing. Gabriel was sent to the virgin named Mary. Everything was quiet and peaceful for her until it was as if the full trumpet section opened up all at once. *The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.”* Mary had not done anything. Yet the angel said she was *“highly favored.”* She had not orchestrated this special relationship with God, but God's messenger said, *“The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women.”* But not all was harmony in Mary's heart.

¹ W.P. ~ Wartburg Project – Luke popular review – unless otherwise stated the Bible text. [M.C. 12/13/2014]

Seeing an angel would be startling enough, but saying something like that? *“Mary was very perplexed by the statement and was wondering what sort of greeting this could be.”* Hear this beautiful chord: God loves to take our fear away. *“Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. ³¹Now listen! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him, ‘Jesus.’ ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end.”*

Every instrument in the orchestra was playing all at once! Mary would have a son. His name would mean “Savior.” Somehow He would also be God’s Son who would reign eternally on David’s throne, over the entire *“house of Jacob,”* all believers in the God of Jacob – *“forever.”* There would be no broken strings, no curled reeds, no bent trombones because *“his kingdom will never end.”*

Doesn’t this good news **Gospel** pull your heart strings when your plans fall short? You plan to love your wife and kids, be the best wife and mother, somebody’s best friend, do outstanding work. Work your fingers to the bone, yet get so impatient with those you love. Instead of your best, there’s disharmony. In sin’s dark night where do you go for comfort and peace? God’s soothing music sings the Gift of His Son. **He takes our fear away with the Gospel** refrain that you are fully and freely forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Your bad notes are all erased. *“[God’s] anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”* (Psalm 30:5 NIV84)

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Mary did not doubt, but wondered, *“How will this be, since I am a virgin?”* How could she get pregnant without a man? What the angel said next was even more startling: *“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Listen! Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible for God.”*

Can you hear God’s orchestra playing this sweet symphony for your soul? God’s loving care for you and His intense desire to save you from your sins stir every fiber of your being. Thousands of years earlier *“in the beginning”* God began to play the overture that sparked hope for His people.

Only two at the time, our first parents were completely out of harmony with God. They had rebelled, wanting to play their own music, make their own plans, live their own way. But everything fell apart. Instead of listening to God, they tuned in the lying serpent from hell, the Devil. God created him as a good angel, but Satan rebelled and was thrown out of heaven. Ever since Satan opposes everything good and crucifies everything of God. So God spoke the first Gospel to Satan when He said: *“I [God] will put enmity between you [Satan] and the woman, and between your [Satan’s] offspring and hers; he [woman’s Offspring – Christ] will crush your [Satan’s] head, and you [Satan] will strike his [the Messiah’s] heel.”*” (Genesis 3:15 TPA) This Spring we will hold special midweek worship services to see how God carried that out on the cross and Easter Sunday morning.

No Mozart or Beethoven could write a symphony like this. But for thousands of years God kept playing His salvation song through prophets like Isaiah with this recurring them: *“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”* (Isaiah 7:14 NIV84) No price is too high for God. No heartache too painful for His music to soothe. God promised + God delivered. Though our plans fall through, **Nothing Is Impossible With God.** And wonder beyond wonders, He calls us to do the angels’ work below. He calls pastors the *“angels”* of the seven churches in Revelation (1:20). He will play His song of love through you as **He gives us His Son through the Virgin.** Then we can say and sing with Mary, *“I am the Lord’s servant. May it happen to me as you have said.”* Tune your instruments. With saints and angel’s sing salvation’s song. Amen.

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