

Luke 1:37

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

The literal translation of this scripture is, **"For not any word will be impossible with God."** To understand it more clearly, you need to know the background for this verse as well. First of all, the angel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias while he was in the temple of the Lord, burning incense. There Gabriel spoke the word of the Lord to Zacharias in verses 13, But **the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.** We are told that in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist that the angel Gabriel appeared to Elizabeth's younger cousin, Mary. Gabriel then told Mary in verses 30-31, **And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.**

Here are two women that could never have conceived a child in their wombs naturally; Elizabeth, because she was beyond the age of child bearing, then Mary because she was a virgin. Yet the power of God's Word made a way that was impossible in the natural. Often Christians are told to find scriptures that apply to their need, and then to claim those promises that they want to apply to their individual lives. I believe that we are to seek our Lord in His Word. Then when He gives you a word you can claim that promise for yourself. Do you see the difference? One way is you selecting the scripture or promise that you want, the second is you seeking the Lord and then He gives you the promise that He has for you. I believe that the first is a form of manipulation. I have heard many people quote God His word back to Him, as though He has to do something immediately, because somewhere in His word He had made that promise to someone. I'm not talking about His Covenants here, but rather I am talking about seeking the Lord and His will for your life, rather than you opening your concordance and trying to get the results you want. Ask Him what His will is, and stop trying to force your will upon Him!

Understand that I love the Word of God, and that I believe that everything that we ever need in this life is in there. But I also am convinced that what God wants from you and me is a relationship! Not an attorney or legal expert throwing His Word back into His face. Perhaps the problem too often, is that we are afraid to trust Him, so we try and help the Lord find the solutions that we want.

The key to a successful relationship with Jesus Christ is to spend time with Him. Take the time to read His Word and to pray. Ask Him what His answer is in your life. Then you can confidently and boldly stand upon whatever Word He speaks to you! His Word needs to become personal in your life. For that to happen, you need to hear it from Him! Remember that being a Christian, allows each of us to seek our Lord personally. I exhort you to stop trying to take someone else's promise, and to seek Jesus for your own.