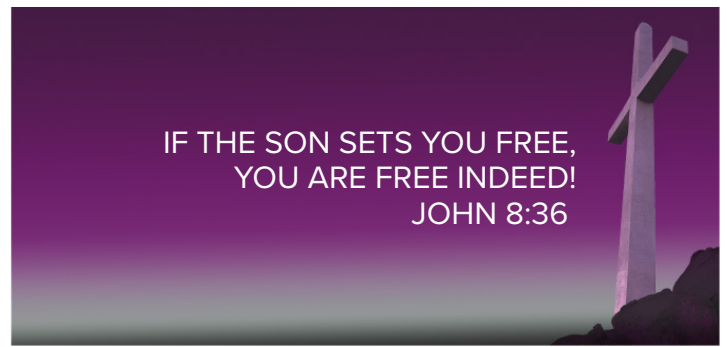


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## “Grace Thoughts”



A short devotional to help get you excited about Jesus!

*“For nothing will be impossible with God.” —Luke 1:37*

This week I had a spiritual experience in an unexpected way. I had an echocardiogram, and it was the first time in my life that I could listen to my heart beat and see its valves in motion. It took me by surprise, not that I hadn't known that it was working . . . but the sounds and visuals highlighted the miraculous. Here is an engine inside my body running on its own for more than five decades, without any outside source of power. I became even more aware that every second we live is a true miracle.

When the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would conceive and a miraculous Baby would be born, Mary wondered how was this possible, because she was a virgin. The angel replied that the Holy Spirit would come upon her, and that the holy Child would be called the Son of God (Luke 1:35). Then he told her that her older and barren relative, Elizabeth, was in the sixth month of her pregnancy and added that “nothing will be impossible with God” (verse 37). The Greek words in this sentence may be translated as, “not any word, thing, event, or matter” will be impossible with God. Nothing is impossible for God; all things are possible for Him. The Lord gave a similar response to Abraham, when Sarah laughed when she heard that she would conceive in her old age. “Is anything too difficult for the LORD?” (Genesis 18:14). God's covenantal line came through this old, barren woman to show God's design and limitlessness. Then, in the Gospel of Luke, the same root word used by Gabriel with Mary is used by Jesus when explaining salvation: “They who heard it said, ‘Then who can be saved?’ But He said, ‘The things that are impossible with people are possible with God’ ” (Luke 18:26, 27). Our God is not limited by human limits. God, “gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist” (Romans 4:17). By His Word the universe was created, and by His Word made flesh we have been saved. His divine limitlessness stands in opposition to our powerlessness. Be assured that your salvation, which is impossible for you, has been made possible through Christ! Hallelujah!

Talbot, Elizabeth *Jesus Wins!*, p. 364.