

December 6th

Zacharias stands in the temple, amazed. He has been told he will finally be given a son. A child to love, to nurture, to raise. But not just any child. The promised new Elijah.

So Zacharias is thinking. Zacharias is reciting the promises in his head. Zacharias is remembering the holy words of God he has read and studied and probably taught.

And his thoughts have to be racing. His son will be the promised prophet to precede the promised Messiah. Which means God is about to start moving.

And pretty soon Zacharias is starting to realize that HE is part of God's great plan. So what is his reaction?

Luke 1:18 - *And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an _____ man, and my wife is _____ in years."*

In other words, there is no way any of this is possible if You choose me.

But God loves the impossible natural circumstances. Because that is where He shines the brightest.

But we forget this. We look at and focus on the natural. We don't give space or possibility for the miraculous. Just like Zacharias. So God has to remind us who He is.

I am God. I always have been. I always will be. "I AM WHO I AM" (**Exodus 3:14a**), just as I spoke to Moses. And you need to believe that. You need to hold onto that. You need to believe that the impossible is always possible when I AM is with you.

Isaiah 55:9,11 – ⁹ *For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways _____ than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. ... ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me _____, But it shall _____ what I please, and it shall _____ in the thing for which I sent it.*

Isaiah 43:19 – *Behold, I will do a _____ thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the _____ and rivers in the _____.*

And then God has to put us back in our place.

Luke 1:20 – *But behold, you will be _____ and not able to _____ until the day these things take place, because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time.*

Going Deeper:

1. *What do Romans 4:17, Genesis 18:14a, and Jeremiah 32:17,27 tell us about God and the impossible?*

2. *When have you doubted something God promised you would come to pass? What happened? How was your relationship with God affected?*

3. *Was Zacharias wrong to consider his age when responding? Did this show a lack of faith on his part?*

4. *What is something impossible God has done in your life?*

5. *What hope do Isaiah 43:19 and 55:9,11 give us, no matter what our circumstances are?*

6. *Who has God been in your life? Fill in the blank: I am _____?*
