

## The Purple Corner

### A Trusting Mother and a Faithful God

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*As a mother, my job is to take care of what is possible and trust God with the impossible.*  
Ruth Bell Graham

As a little girl you think your mother can do the impossible and you become disappointed when you discover that she is only human and as such, there are limits to what she can and cannot do. If your relationship with your mother is open and honest, she will tell you this truth. If you are mature enough in the faith, you know this truth, although you may not want to accept it. So who do you turn to when mother cannot take care of the problem you are facing? And who does mother turn to when the mountain seems insurmountable? The answer to this question is in the quote that is stated above. Like mother, you learn to trust God with the impossible. Why? You do so because God's word tells us that nothing is too hard for him. His word tells us that what is impossible for man is possible for God.

Mary, the mother of Jesus is a prime example among many whose life story is a testimony to this truth. Luke is careful to let us know that she is a virgin and is engaged to a man named Joseph when God sent the angel Gabriel to her with the message, "Greetings favored woman! The Lord is with you! Mary was confused and afraid because she did not know what this meant. The angel then said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever, his Kingdom will never end!" (Luke 1: 26

We don't have to imagine how she felt because the writer makes it clear in her response. Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin. The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High God will overshadow you. He goes on to give other details about this miraculous event and sums it all up in v.37 **For nothing is impossible with God.**

What then is the lesson for us when the reality of life seems impossible? What are we, not just mothers, but all who believe in the one true living God to do when we don't know what to do? When the assigned task of God leaves us wondering, how can this be, how do we, how should we respond? Ruth Graham Bell says our job is to take care of what is possible and trust God with the impossible. This teenage virgin in Luke did, and like her, our response should be "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! **Let it be to me according to your word.**" (v.38)

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