

**GOD CAN**  
*The Neverending Story*

**26** In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."  
**29** Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. **32** He 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, **33** and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end." **34** "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" **35** The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on 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. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For no word from God will ever fail." **38** "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. Luke 1:26-38

**WHAT IS THAT PRAYER THAT CAN'T BE ANSWERED?**

"**Zechariah** asked the angel, '**How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.**'" Luke 1:18

"But they were childless because **Elizabeth** was **not able** to conceive, and they were both very old." Luke 1:7 NIV

"**How will this be,**" Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" Luke 1:34

"I am the Lord, the **God** of all mankind. **Is anything too hard for me?**" Jeremiah 32:27

**What does this mean to us? What are we supposed to get from this story?**

**1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN.**

The sovereignty of God means that He has total control of all things past, present and future. Nothing happens that is out of His knowledge and control. All things are either caused by Him or allowed by Him for His own purposes and through His perfect will and timing (Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 8:6). He is the only absolute and omnipotent ruler of the universe and is sovereign in creation, providence and redemption.

**TO FOLLOW GOD IS TO FIND FAVOR.**

**2. DO YOU TRUST HIM ENOUGH TO FOLLOW?**

Jesus went to the cross, so that what you can't do, by His grace can be done, as we follow and obey God's word.

"For no word from God will ever fail. 'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.'"

Luke 1:37-38

