

In the story leading up to Jesus' birth there is the repeated question, "How?"

...there was a priest named Zechariah... His wife [was named] Elizabeth... They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to become pregnant and they both were very old. One day Zechariah was serving as a priest before God...An angel of the Lord appeared to him...

The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah. Your prayers have been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to your son and you must name him John... Zechariah said to the angel, "How...?"

When Elizabeth was six months pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel...to a virgin who was engaged to a man named Joseph...The virgin's name was Mary...The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. 31 Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus... Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?" (Luke 1, selected verses)

Zechariah asks, "How?" Mary also asks, "How? When the angel appears to Joseph, Joseph seems to also ask, "How? Many of us also ask, "How?"

How can I overcome my past?

How can I do what God is calling me to do?

How can I be faithful in a world of utter faithlessness?

How can the situation change?

Into the world of impossibilities comes the good news, "Nothing is impossible for God." (Luke 1:37). Let the proclamation of the angel that nothing is impossible for God speak into the "how."

Zechariah and Elizabeth wonder how at their age it is possible for them to have a child.

Nothing is impossible for God.

Mary wondered how it was possible for her to be pregnant -- she was virgin.

Nothing is impossible for God.

Joseph wonders how it was possible for to go through with the marriage.

Nothing is impossible for God.

Christmas is the intervention of God into the world of the impossible.

We wonder how...

Nothing is impossible for God.

Let the proclamation of the angel that nothing is impossible for God speak into your how.

The difficult we can do; the impossible God can do.

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