

Worship Service – December 14, 2014

*Worship Song	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer	Presiding Pastor	
Bible Reading	Luke 1:26-38	Richard Shaffer
Prayer	Solomon Berhanu	
Announcements	Rolando Sanchez	
Offering Prayer	Pastor	
Offering	Together	
Special Song	Worship Band	
Message	Nothing Is Impossible with God Timothy Hong	
*Benediction	Presiding pastor	
* <i>Please stand</i>		

Today's Sermon Outline

Nothing is Impossible with God

Text: Luke 1:26-38

God's favor for all

When God makes the impossible possible, he may use ordinary people. That is his favor. When God used Mary to have the child, Jesus, in her womb, she was a virgin. She was not rich or famous but an ordinary person. She had nothing special or unusual which could distinguish her from other ordinary people. She didn't do anything particular which made her deserving of God's special blessing. She received this blessing by God's favor. Although God may use anybody according to his own will, he gives his gracious favor to ordinary people to do extra ordinary things, to do something impossible. By doing so, he wants to make men humble before him and give glory only to him (1 Cor. 1:28-29). Do not think that you can't be used by God in a great way because of your human condition. Believe that in God's favor, you can also be used by him for great things regardless of your human condition.

It's All About Jesus

The focal point of angel's message given to Mary was not Mary herself, but Jesus and what God would do through Jesus. It was the message of that her son Jesus would be called the Son of God, that God would give Him the throne as He had promised, that He would reign over the people of God forever, and that His kingdom would never end. God reveals His almighty power and makes impossible things possible through Jesus name and achieves His promise through Jesus. When God wants to use you to do something impossible, He has you focus on Jesus and His promise which can be achieved through Jesus. So turn your eyes from the impossible to Jesus in whom God makes the impossible possible.

The power of the Holy Spirit

When Mary asked the angel how such an impossible thing- a virgin conceiving a baby, could be possible in her life, the answer of the angel was that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and the power of God would overshadow her. If God is showing you something impossible you can be sure that it will be by His Spirit (Zechariah 4:6). When Mary obeyed God's word regarding the power of the Holy Spirit, the impossible became possible. If you want to see a powerful miracle of God in your own life today, depend upon the Holy Spirit and obey the word you receive from God. Obedience does not cost you anything. You need just a humble heart and a willing heart to obey. The power of God comes through a person who is willing to obey whatever the Lord says. For Mary, to obey the word as it was said could mean risking her life, because getting pregnant as an unmarried woman could be regarded as a crime punishable by stoning to death. However, she surrendered herself to God and obeyed the word by saying: I am the Lord's servant, May it be to me as you have said." God releases His miraculous power through a person who obeys His word. If you want to see a powerful miracle of God in your own life today, obey what you hear from the Lord, even if it means risking your life.

Application

1. Why can you receive God's favor even if you are an ordinary person?
2. What is the main purpose of God when He is doing you a favor?
3. What is the one thing you must do to receive the power of the Holy Spirit who can make the impossible in your life possible?

Anouncements

Lunch Preparation

This week – The family of Carlos & Marleni Sanchez

Next week (12/21) – Christmas Potluck

Thanksgiving

This year's thanksgiving offering will be used to make facilities for our missionaries.

So far \$2,445 have been given. We need to receive \$555 more to reach the goal (\$3,000).

Thank all who gave generously. If you have not given yet, you can give up to the last week

(Dec 28) of this year.

Christmas Services

*Christmas praise night- December 19th (Friday) at 8 PM (if anybody needs a ride arrangement please contact Lydia at 773-550-2220)

*Christmas main service- December 21st (Sunday) at 11:30 AM

Special Thanks

To Susan Michaels and Kiwang Song who donated a Christmas tree and flowers to decorate our sanctuary.

Prayer Request

*For traveling mercies of the family of Romulo and Isabel who will be in Ecuador for a month starting today.

*For recovery of Lorena (sister of Herani Nararro) who had surgery last Monday.

Church cleaning on Sundays (December 7- December 28)

Leaders shall recruit people from each group to clean the designated area together

Place	Group	Leader
Fellowship Hall	Filipino	Lyle Atonson
Sanctuary	Hope /African/Korean/English	Susan Michaels
Bathroom & Hallway	Spanish	Rolando Sanchez
Sunday school rooms & Offices	College & Youth group	Aldrick Lim

Ushers of the Month of November

Offering ushers	Martha Velasquez, Jovie Dumlao, Oscar Torres, Blanka Guerra
Welcome ushers	Priscilla Caronongan, Lidia Lopez, Analis Garcia
Kitchen	Lunch preparation group

Last week's offering

Tithe	Jovita Alegre//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Jose & Martha Espinoza//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Gail Hill//Timothy Hong//Lydia Hong//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Raul & Lydia Lopez//Oscar Torres//David Yupe
Lord's Day	Gail Hill//Erlyn Balano//Patricia Lopez//Bethsy Rodriguez
Thanksgiving	Kim Boksoon//Bong & Priscilla Caronongan//Gail Hill//Herani Navarro
Mission	Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Gail Hill//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Ramos Carlos Lopez//Raul & Lydia Lopez//Andrea Martin//Oscar Torres
Special	Jovi Dumlao//Lydia Hong//Maki Yaginuma

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	✓
12/22(Monday)	Nahum		Revelation 13	
12/23(Tuesday)	Habakkuk		Revelation 14	
12/24(Wednesday)	Zephaniah		Revelation 15	
12/25(Thursday)	Haggai		Revelation 16	
12/26(Friday)	Zechariah 1-3		Revelation 17	
12/27(Saturday)	Zechariah 4-6		Revelation 18	
12/28(Sunday)	Zechariah 7-9		Revelation 19	

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Worship services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

-Main Worship Service for All

Prayer services

Fridays 8:00 PM

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 105

Bible Study

Shepherd Group –Wednesday 8:00 PM

Open to all – Saturday 10:00 AM

Cell groups –By appointment

Hope group – Sunday 10:00 AM

Cell Groups

According to arrangement of each cell

Campus Ministry

Wednesday- At Truman

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Missionaries

Nancy Campo – Campus ministry in Peru

Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic

Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India

Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in Philippines

Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA

Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa

Samuel Lebbie – Campus ministry in Senegal, Africa

Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia

Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe

Ministers

Senior pastor -Timothy Hong

Hope group ministry- Sang H. Lee Youth group ministry- Aldrick Lim

Audio visual ministry -Ki Wang Song

Assistant pastors – Harold Goneh, Kurt Schwartz, Solomon Berhanu