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Scripture: Romans 4:17;
Luke 1:37, 18:27;
Matthew 19:26;
Daniel 11:32

Romans 4:17 (NKJV) (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed; God, who gives life to the dead **and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;**

Luke 1:37, 18:27 (NKJV) "For with God nothing will be impossible."

Luke 18:27 (NKJV) But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV) But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Daniel 11:32 (NKJV) "Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; **but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.**

Introduction

Our God is incredible!!! When nothing existed, He spoke form and being into existence. All we see exists by His word. The things we cannot conceive, he considers to be small. To the things we say are impossible, He says, "I can do that!"

I. He sees us through the finished work of the cross

Colossians 2:14 (NKJV) having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, **having nailed it to the cross.**

- A. The law says you're guilty; Calvary says you're forgiven
- B. The law says you're condemned; Calvary says you're pardoned
- C. The law says you're worthless; Calvary says you have great value
- D. The law says you're a failure; Calvary says you're a success

II. He sees us according to our original design

Judges 6:12-13 (NKJV) And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "**The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!**" **13 Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about,** saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites."

- A. Gideon
 1. God's view - You Mighty Warrior
 2. Gideon's questions
 - a. Why has this happened?
 - b. Where are the miracles
 - c. Why has God abandoned us
- B. What kind of questions are you asking God?
- C. Are you unable to see yourself as He tells you you are?

III. He sees us in the light of the success we have not yet attained

Luke 1:28-29, 34 (NKJV) And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" **29** But when she saw him, **she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.** {34} Then Mary said to the angel, "**How can this be,** since I do not know a man?"

- A. Mary says, "God we have a slight problem here: I'm a virgin."
- B. We say, "How can this be? I can't ..."
- C. The angel says, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. (Luke 1:35 NIV)

Conclusion

The key to this is found in Daniel 11:32, **"the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."** Our ability comes from knowing Him, relying on Him, being empowered by Him