

The Invitation

Living in the impossible



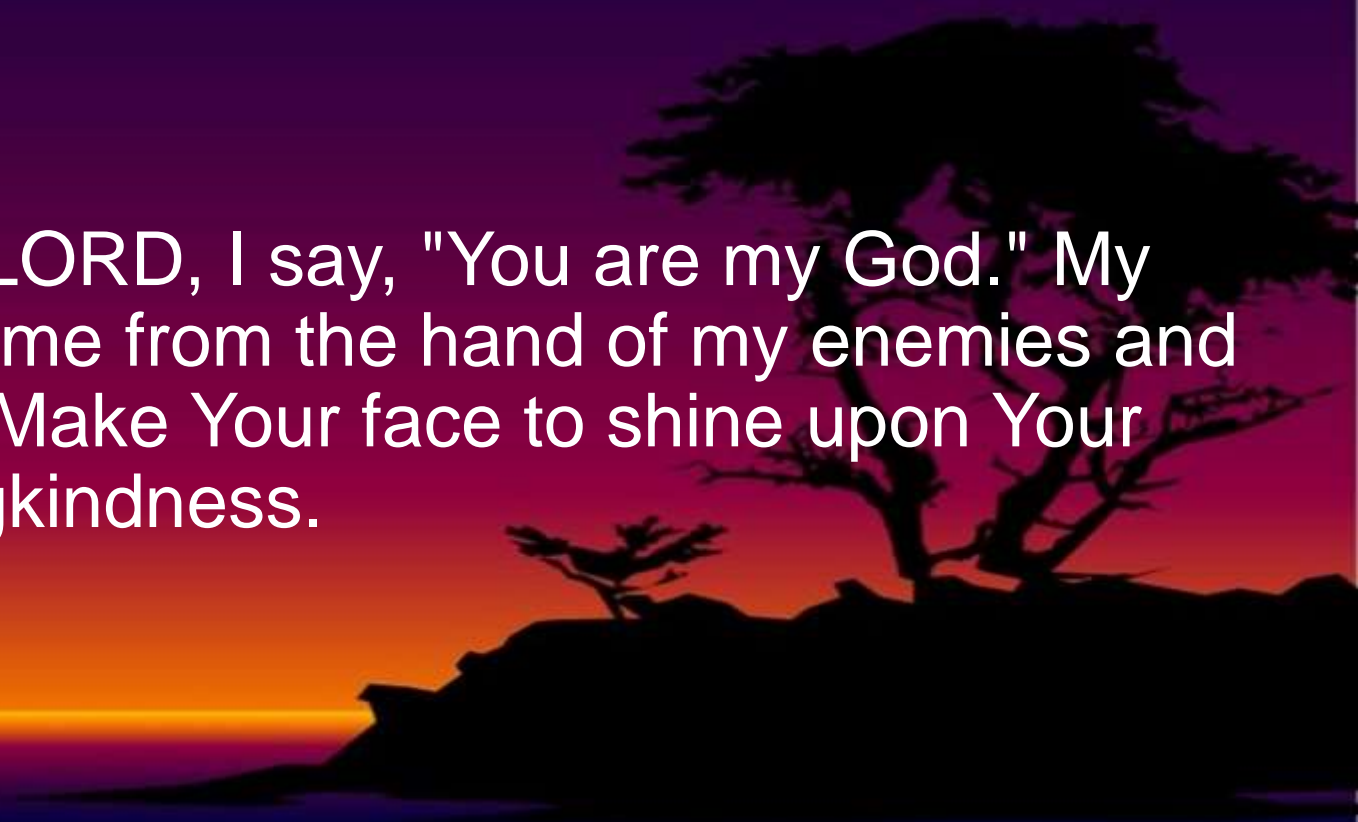
- And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord *is* with you." But she was very perplexed at *this* statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favour with God. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month. "For nothing will be impossible with God."
- (Luk 1:28-37)

Impossible?

- And Jesus said to him, " 'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes."
- (Mar 9:23)
- Looking at them, Jesus *said, "With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God."
- (Mar 10:27)
- And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- (Heb 11:6)

Learning trust

- The LORD also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, A stronghold in times of trouble; And those who know Your name will put their trust in You, For You, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You. (Psa 9:9-10)
- But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD, I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me. Make Your face to shine upon Your servant; Save me in Your lovingkindness.
- (Psa 31:14-16)



Surrender, the route to quiet trust

Get the right perspective – our knowledge of God should lead us to a greater place of surrender.

He is God and will not be controlled by anyone – He is not your servant, He is Lord and knows how to lead you.

You cannot manipulate God to serve your agenda, this leads to a spirit of entitlement believing God owes us something.

To learn trust is to be free from the idea that we know what is happening next. - Faith is in Him, not the outcome.

Don't settle for the possible

- **"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father.**
- (John 14:12)
- **For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.**
- (1Co 4:20)



Steward what you have been given

- **"And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes, but the one who did not know *it*, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.**
- (Luk 12:47-48)