# WORSHIP RESOURCE September 24, 2023 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

### **GREAT THINGS**

### Words by Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin, 2018

Come, let us worship our King. Come, let us bow at His feet. He has done great things. See what our Savior has done. See how His love overcomes. He has done great things. He has done great things.

O Hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave. You free every captive and break every chain. O God, You have done great things. We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive. O Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high. O God, You have done great things.

You've been faithful through every storm. You'll be faithful forevermore. You have done great things. And I know You will do it again for Your promise is Yes and Amen. You will do great things. God, You do great things.

Hallelujah, God above it all! Hallelujah, God unshakable! Hallelujah, You have done great things.

#### **YES I WILL**

### Words and Music by Eddie Hoagland, Mia Fieldes, and Jonathan Smith, 2018

I count on one thing: the same God that never fails will not fail me now, You won't fail me now. In the waiting, the same God who's never late is working all things out. You're working all things out.

Yes, I will lift You high in the lowest valley. Yes, I will bless Your name. Yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy. All my days, yes, I will.

I choose to praise, to glorify, glorify, the name of all names that nothing can stand against.

#### **GREAT ARE YOU LORD**

## Words and Music by David Leonard, Jason Ingram, and Leslie Jordan, 2012

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness. You give hope. You restore every heart that is broken. And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise. Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, great are You, Lord (3x)

### **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

#### Words by Thomas Chisholm, 1923 | Music by William Runyan, 1923

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest. Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 67; 2 Kings 4:8-37; Acts 9:10-31; Luke 3:7-18 MONDAY | Ps. 57; 2 Kings 5:1-19; 1 Cor. 4:8-21; Matt. 5:21-26 TUESDAY | Ps. 54; 2 Kings 5:19-27; 1 Cor. 5:1-8; Matt. 5:27-37 WEDNESDAY | Ps. 65; 2 Kings 6:1-23; 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11; Matt. 5:38-48 THURSDAY | Ps. 81; 2 Kings 9:1-16; 1 Cor. 6:12-20; Matt. 6:1-6 FRIDAY | Ps. 20; 2 Kings 9:17-37; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9; Matt. 6:7-18 SATURDAY | Ps. 122; 2 Kings 11:1-20; 1 Cor. 7:10-24; Matt. 6:19-24

### **PRAYER OF RENEWAL**

Sovereign Lord, you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You do not treat us as we deserve, but offer us grace and love despite our selfish ways. Help us to bring your kingdom where we live and work, demonstrating your love and mercy to others; and extending grace and forgiveness to our neighbors, our family, our friends, and even our enemies. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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# **Getting Started**

- How do you tend to react when receiving unexpected good news?
- Has anything happened in your life or the life of our nation within the last couple of years that you would consider a "complete surprise"?

# Key Ideas for Discussion

- 1. What does this "Origin Story" say about God? (v. 26-27, 32-33, 35-37)
- 2. What does this "Origin Story" say about Mary? (v. 27-31, 34, 38)
- 3. What does this "Origin Story" say about Jesus? (v. 31b-33)
- 4. How does this "Origin Story" apply to us?

Takeaway Truth: The miraculous elements of Jesus' origin story help us to understand the rest of His life.

# **<u>Digging Deeper</u>** (Read the sermon text again and discuss the following questions.)

- How did Gabriel describe the baby to be born to Mary? Which of those descriptors resonates with you the most and why?
- > How did Mary feel when the angel appeared to her?
- > What links to the Old Testament stand out in this passage? Why is this significant?
- > How was Mary's response to Gabriel different than Zechariah's?
- > Why did Gabriel mention Elizabeth's pregnancy?
- > What do Mary's final words to Gabriel reveal about her?

# Apply It!

- How has the fact that "with God nothing is impossible" taken root in your life?
- What "impossibilities" do you need to take to God and entrust to Him?
- How can God's choice of Mary influence your perspective on yourself and your potential use to God?

# Think About It!

"This is a verse to live by... Is there anything in your life that seems impossible? Perhaps it seems impossible for your great sin to be forgiven, especially after all the times you have tried not to do it again, but failed. Perhaps it seems impossible for your family to be restored after all the heartbreak and for joy to come again. Maybe it seems impossible for your physical and financial needs to be met, or for your work, your studies, or your ministry to succeed. It may seem impossible to endure the suffering that has come into your life, or for someone you love to come to Christ. But the Bible says, "Nothing will be impossible with God." He is the God of the virgin birth! There is no sin he cannot forgive, no relationship he cannot reconcile, no problem he cannot resolve, no need he cannot meet, no ministry he cannot bless, no grief he cannot comfort, no life he cannot reclaim, no sinner he cannot save. The God of the virgin birth is the God who makes all things possible." (Philip Ryken)