



Scripture Readings: [Judges 6:11-24a](#) ✕ [Psalm 85:9, 11-14](#) ✕ [Matthew 19:23-30](#)

There are certain sayings from the Gospels that seem to have a unique inspirational power about them. For example, it's greatly reassuring for us to know that “for God all things are possible.”¹ A similar response is made in answer to Mary’s question to the angel, “How can this be?” The angel Gabriel answered, “Nothing will be impossible for God.”²

The context in today’s Gospel passage is at the moment that the rich young man, who was looking for the path to eternal life, went away sad because Jesus’ response suggested a sacrifice greater than the young man believed he could make. So, how can a rich person find the way to eternal life (presuming that for some rich people, sacrifice is not a doable option)? It is possible, Jesus says, but only with a special grace from God.

All of us, at different points in our lives face what seem to be impossible odds. We become anxious wondering how we will get through some health crisis, a family loss, a marriage breakdown, or a severe bout of depression. In such circumstances, it is good to know that, for God, all things are possible. St. Paul believed this, and he expressed it in his unique way. To the Church in Philippi he wrote, “I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me.”³ How comforting it would be to share in that deep conviction! ✕

¹ [Matthew 19:26](#)

² [Luke 1:26-38](#)

³ [Philippians 4:13](#)