

## I. INTRO

### A. Welcome to 2022!

- The Greek god Janus: The door to the New Year

Janus was **the god of beginnings and transitions** in Roman mythology, and presided over passages, doors, gates and endings, as well as in transitional periods such as from war to peace. He was usually depicted as having two faces looking at opposite ways, one towards the past and the other towards the future.

**Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup> No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

**Psalms 27:4 (TLB)** The one thing I want from God, the thing I seek most of all, is the privilege of meditating in his Temple, living in his presence every day of my life, delighting in his incomparable perfections and glory.

- Meditate in His temple, live in His presence, delight in His glory

### B. Man's inability is God's possibility

- Two impossible situations

**Luke 1:34-35 (NKJV)** <sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*"

**Luke 1:36 (NKJV)** "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren."

### C. How can these two impossible situations be made possible?

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

- Mary didn't have a seed
- Elizabeth's time frame had expired
- Nothing is impossible with God

### D. Rich and young!

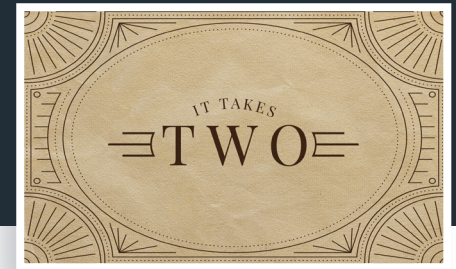


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## It Takes Two

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**Luke 18:18-23 (NKJV)** <sup>18</sup> Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>19</sup> So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ” <sup>21</sup> And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.” <sup>22</sup> So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” <sup>23</sup> But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

**Luke 18:24-26 (NKJV)** <sup>24</sup> And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?”

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

- When man’s inability is merged with God’s ability, all things become possible
- When the impossible comes in contact with the supernatural ability of God, the result is: possible

### II. IT TAKES TWO

A. The power of grace and faith

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

- Grace and faith have to work together.

B. By grace you are “Sozo’d” (saved) through faith

- Sozo means – all of the blessing of God comes from what Jesus did on the cross

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)** For all of God’s promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding “Yes!” And through Christ, our “Amen” (which means “Yes”) ascends to God for his glory.

### III. ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD

A. Humility is the ability to receive, just like grace

**Luke 1:38 (NKJV)** Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.