

## Say YES to God

Luke 1:26-38

12/3/23

What are your thoughts or questions about Sunday's message? What specifically stood out or challenged you?

### **POINT:** FAITH says YES to God

1. What do you think the angel (messenger) Gabriel looked like? What difference would the angel's appearance make to your faith in believing the message. How would you know you are talking to an angel of God?
2. Martin Luther stated that there are three wonders here: one, that God should become human, two, that a virgin should give birth to a child, and three, that Mary believed.

Discuss each of the wonders and why Luther declared the last one to be the greatest of the three.

3. In Gabriel's message to Mary, what clues can we find to suggest that initially Mary thought that God had the wrong girl?

How can our self-image and circumstances hinder our willingness to believe that God would choose us to serve him?

How can we overcome our own doubts when God asks us to do something that is greater than our own sense of ability or worth?

4. Read Luke 1:38. Mary rests her "yes" to God, her faith, expressly upon God's word as delivered by the messenger (Gabriel): "according to your word." How important is this to our own faith experience?

5. Read Gen 18:14 and Luke 1:37. It's clear that for Sarah and for Mary, believing God can do the impossible poses a direct challenge to what we think is humanly possible. Do you have an example of trusting God, when you put your faith in what God can do and your faith grew as a result of trusting God and not yourself?