PHILOSOPHER JESUS THE SAVIOR IS BORN

Luke 1:26-38 Pastor Mark Young

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, November 18 Sunday, November 21

Introduction

²⁶Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was very perplexed at this statement and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. ³⁰The angel said to her, "<u>Do not be afraid, Mary;</u> for you have found favor with God. ³¹"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.³²"<u>He will be great</u> and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; ³³and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The 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. ³⁶"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. ³⁷"For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

<u>3 Things to take home with you today –</u>

Mary was willing to be bold and say yes to God – if we are to follow Mary's example and be willing to be God's servant we must:

Accept who we are in God's <u>eyes</u> "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God..."

Accept God's <u>word</u> "He will be great…"

Accept God's <u>role</u> "the bondslave of the Lord;"

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¹⁷And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers back to their children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." John was consecrated from conception to prepare the way for Jesus. Malachi 3:1 NASB ¹"Behold, I am sending My messenger, and he will clear a way before Me. And the Lord, whom you are seeking, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of armies. John is coming in the spirit and power of Elijah. Malachi 4:5-6 NASB ⁵"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the fathers back to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers. Change starts in the home. SO WHAT !? In disappointment we can choose our response. Our response shows what we worship. In desolation we can choose to have faith. Petition: formal request. Philippians 4:6-7 In discouragement we can submit our will to God's plan. If dependence is the goal, then weakness is an advantage. God can use our disappointment, desolation, and discouragement for his Glory.

Read out loud: Luke 1:26-38

Group Discussion: Mary was willing to be the bondslave of the Lord. How can we follow Mary's example?

1) Accept who we are in God's <u>eyes</u>

"Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God..."

Mary understood that she was favored by God. She had received God's grace. How do you see yourself? Is it through your own eyes, the eyes of your friends, culture, or God? How can we see ourselves through God's eyes?

2) Accept God's <u>word</u>

"He will be great..."

Mary knew God's word & amp; accepted it. How well do you know Scripture? Why is it important to know God's word? Are you intentional about your study of God's word?

3) Accept God's <u>role</u>

"the bondslave of the Lord;"

Who are you following? Think about the names of God and how God is described in Scripture. Is there anyone that compares to God? What is keeping you from saying yes to God?