

***@”The Way” Our M V P—MISSION,
VISION &PURPOSE—is to***

***“LOVE GOD—(practically)
LOVE PEOPLE—(realistically)
MAKE DISCIPLES (committedly).”***

G R O W T H N O T E S

**Our Current Message Series Is—
“CHRISTMAS MIRACLES” - Part 2**

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-35

TODAY’S MESSAGE:

“An Unexpected Meeting”

Luke 1:26-35

NLT: The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

³⁴ Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

³⁵ The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

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Message: A Virgin Conceives

²⁶⁻²⁸ In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to the Galilean village of Nazareth to a virgin engaged to be married to a man descended from David. His name was Joseph, and the virgin’s name, Mary. Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her:

Good morning!

You’re beautiful with God’s beauty,

Beautiful inside and out!

God be with you.

²⁹⁻³³ She was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that. But the angel assured her, “Mary, you have nothing to fear. God has a surprise for you: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son and call his name Jesus.

He will be great,
be called ‘Son of the Highest.’
The Lord God will give him
the throne of his father David;
He will rule Jacob’s house forever—
no end, ever, to his kingdom.”

³⁴ Mary said to the angel, “But how? I’ve never slept with a man.”

³⁵ The angel answered,
The Holy Spirit will come upon you,
the power of the Highest hover over you;
Therefore, the child you bring to birth
will be called Holy, Son of God.

Series Background & Message Summary

The story of Christmas found in the Gospel is unexpected. For the people of God, God had been silent for 400 years. Many of them felt forgotten and yet, in the quiet, dark corner of a city, God remembered and came to them. But not how they expected. God came in the form of a baby, not a king, a president, a dictator, bully, or powerful leader. Instead—Emmanuel—a name that means—“God Is with us”—a brown-skinned immigrant in Palestine came unexpectedly by many as the promised miracle who would deliver...

This miracle came to all including the minority, the immigrant, those deemed illegal, struggling, the poor, marginalized, the young, the old, and everyone in-between—literally those with nothing and no reason to believe, hope, hang on, or look forward to!

The Gospels capture each person's response when they encountered the presence of God who came through a brown-skinned, immigrant, in Palestine during a time where the innocent—including babies—were being summarily murdered and killed with no consequence.

The Gospels capture their emotions—and our emotions at Christmas. This Christmas we discover and rediscover not only the many emotions we feel at Christmas, but also that God—(Emmanuel—meaning “God is with us”)—is with us in all those experiences. We're reminded that God shows up in unexpected places and in miraculous ways.

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THE POWER OF AN UNEXPECTED MEETING

1. “CHRONOS—from which we get the word “CHRONOLOGY” is one type of time...”

***Galatians, Chapter 4, Verse 4, Declares That—
“...In the fullness of time God sent forth his son...”***

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2. “KAIROS” is another kind of time—God’s divine timing when time is right for God to meet, move, and manifest.”

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3. “Luke, Chapter 1, records an encounter and meeting between Mary, the Angelic Messenger, Gabriel, and the Holy Spirit.”

C O N C L U S I O N:

- Born with the lineage of the first Adam—the one in Genesis—who through

disobedience plunged all of us—the whole human race into sin—

- *BUT—then asked them to become the 2nd Adam;*
- *The 1st Adam failed us—BUT—the 2nd Adam freed us—*
- *The 1st Adam deformed us—BUT—transformed us—*
- *The 1st Adam put us out—BUT—the 2nd Adam brought us back in—*
- *The 1st Adam put us out—BUT—the 2nd Adam brought us back in—*
- *The 1st Adam lost the battle—put us out—BUT—the 2nd Adam won the war—*

- *The 1st Adam brought defeat—BUT—the 2nd Adam brought us deliverance—*