

# THE UNREASONABLE ASK: MARY'S BIG MOMENT

## The Road to the Manger Week 2

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*“ . . . the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).” (Isaiah 7:14, NLT)*

*“ . . . God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin, Mary, engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Congratulations, favored lady! The Lord is with you!” Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. “Don’t be frightened, Mary,” the angel told her, “for God has decided to wonderfully bless you! Very soon now, you will become pregnant and have a baby boy, and you are to name him ‘Jesus.’ He shall be very great and shall be called the Son of God. And the Lord God shall give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he shall reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom shall never end!” Mary asked the angel, “But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.” The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of God shall overshadow you; so the baby born to you will be utterly holy—the Son of God. Furthermore, six months ago your Aunt Elizabeth—‘the barren one,’ they called her—became pregnant in her old age! For every promise from God shall surely come true.” Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true.” And then the angel disappeared.” (Luke 1:26–38, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)*

## 3 WAYS TO MISS MY MOMENT

### I WILL MISS MY MOMENT IF:

#### 1. I HOLD ON TO MY FEAR .

*“to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.” (Luke 1:27, NLT)*

#### 2. I HOLD ON TO MY EXPECTATIONS

*“Mary asked the angel, “But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.”” (Luke 1:34, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)*

#### 3. I HOLD ON TO MY PRIDE

*“Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. . . .” (Luke 1:38a, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)*

## HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF MY MOMENT

### I MUST DECIDE TO:

#### 1. GIVE MY CONCERNS TO GOD.

*"Mary asked the angel, 'But how can this happen? I am a virgin.'" (Isaiah 40:27, NLT)*

*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 4:6–7, NLT)*

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7, NLT)*

*"But you are a chosen family, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;" (1 Peter 2:9, LSB)*

#### 2. SAY YES.

*"Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true.'" (Luke 1:38, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)*

*"Yes, Lord, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you; your name and renown are the desire of our hearts." (Isaiah 26:8, NIV84)*

*". . . give yourselves completely to God—every part of you—for you are back from death and you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes." (Romans 6:13b, The Living Bible, Paraphrased)*

#### 3. TRUST GOD WITH WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

*"He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child." (Luke 2:5, NLT)*

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding;" (Proverbs 3:5, CSB)*

*". . . anyone who sacrifices home, family, fields—whatever—because of me will get it all back a hundred times over, not to mention the considerable bonus of eternal life." (Matthew 19:29, MSG)*

## NEXT STEPS

WRITE A NAME AND PRAY.  
INVITE TO CHRISTMAS AT OAK RIDGE.