



If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

Prayer Ministry

- Do you have a prayer request? If so, please go to the Facebook Prayer Warriors page with any prayer requests. Please check out the care ministry prayer list at the information table regarding any Family church need.
- Please join us at 10:50 am at the Ebenezer Campus or 12:15 pm at the Grace Campus on January 16 to explore opportunities on how you can support Family Church in becoming a House of Prayer.

Teens Ministry

- Family Teens Meets each Sunday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the Ebenezer Campus. All middle and high schoolers are welcome to join us! Contact keith@familychurch.app with any questions.

Young Adult Ministry

- Young Adult Small Group for adults 18 to 29 meets every Thursday at 7:45 pm at our Ebenezer Campus, immediately following the worship service. Consider joining us at 6:00 for FREE pizza from Vitales! Contact keith@familychurch.app with any questions.

Outreach Ministry

- Come relieve stress, grow strong in faith, and find community! This Christ-centered class uses yoga to worship God with every breath and movement. The hour-long class led by a certified instructor, Becca Bishop, will help you celebrate Christmas with your whole self while also surrendering all you are to Jesus. This class will take place at the Ebenezer Campus on December 17 at 7:30 pm. Please bring a mat (if you have one) and a water bottle.

Women's Ministry

- Wednesday Morning Bible Study will begin a new study, "Developing Intimacy with God," on January 5 from 9:00-10:30 am in the sanctuary of the Grace Campus. All women are welcome!

Family Church - Weekly Services

- **Thursday at 6:30 pm** - Live Service at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 9:00 am** – Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
- **Sunday at 9:30 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 10:45 am** – Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus

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Loving God, Loving People and Making Disciples



December 2021
Surrender

Luke 1: 26-38, The Birth of Jesus Foretold

The more I try to be in _____, the more I _____ losing _____.

I don't have the _____ to _____ everything; but I always have the _____ to
_____ anything.

Luke 2: 1-2, The Birth of Jesus, In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. ²¹ On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

December 19th 2021

Surrender

READ: Luke 1: 26-38

1. Mary was troubled and probably confused like anyone would be meeting an angel! Have there been times in your life where you were totally taken off guard by something? How did you handle it?
2. How did Mary respond?
3. "Let it be," Have you ever really thought of the courage that would have taken for this teenager to respond like this?
4. This was total surrender. Not one word of trying to control the situation.
5. It is hard not to want to control things especially at this time of year. Do you have an area of your life you try to control?

6. The funny thing about control is this:

KEY POINT: The more I try to be in control, the more I fear losing control.

7. To combat control there is a simple answer, but not simple to live out. To live this out it will take faith. And that faith leads to the next...

KEY POINT: I don't have the power to control everything; but I always have the power to surrender anything.

8. Do we have the power to make others do what we want them to do?
9. We DON'T always have the power to control. And this is where surrender comes in. Why?
10. When we Surrender **it** to God. Trust God with **it**. Trust God's plan over ours. Trust God's timing not ours. What happens?
11. What is the opposite reaction? We can actually be mad at God, when things are out of our control. When are things in your control?
12. It could be a relational issue, your marriage, an empty chair at the Christmas table, a health issue, a financial weight. You may be troubled and confused. Just like Mary.
13. Mary didn't know what would happen with the situation she found herself in and we don't either.
14. Mary had a choice to make. And every day so do we. Can you see this?

15. She didn't have the power to control this situation and we don't have the power to control every situation either. But like Mary, we can control one thing, what is that?

KEY POINT: We always have the power to surrender.

16. Surrender is incredibly hard and our desire to control is rooted in a lack of faith. So how do we surrender?
17. Jesus says, if you cling to your life....in other words.....if you try to be in control.... you're actually going to lose it... if instead, if you give up your life... If you surrender it for Jesus... Jesus says, you will find it! In other words, to fully follow Jesus is to surrender control.... Let it be. Discuss this.

READ: Luke 2: 1-21

18. How many times do you see PLAN A going well in this story? Do you see a lot of surrendering to God's plan? Do we see Mary or Joseph trying their best to control the situation for a Plan A life? Why do we fight so hard, to control things?
19. How can we live a truly surrendered life?

Pray this together:

God today we want to:

- Surrender the party you are not ready for.
- Surrender the relationship that is broken.
- Surrender the job situation.
- Surrender the school situation.
- Surrender the financial situation.
- Surrender the growth in your company.
- Surrender whatever is going on in your life.

God I surrender...

Today God, I give you control.

