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#2 of 4— Dec. 16, 2018**

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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Overcoming the Fear of the Unknown

With Jeremy Vasic, Ministry Intern  
December 16, 2018



#### How do you deal with uncertainty?

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. Luke 1:26-29 Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! Luke 1:30 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" Luke 1:31-33

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." Luke 1:34

#### God's plans often involve unknowns.

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... For nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:35, 37

#### God's responsibility is the how, ours is to be faithful with the what.

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." Luke 1:38

*Our natural inclination is to be so precise – trying always to forecast accurately what will happen next – that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing. Certainty is the mark of the common sense life – gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, not knowing what tomorrow may bring. This is generally expressed with a sigh of sadness, but it should be an expression of breathless expectation. We are uncertain of the next step, but we are certain of God. – Oswald Chambers*

**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.  
2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)**

#### **MY LIFE**

**Big Idea: We can trust God with the unknown because God is Good.**

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