

HOLY MOMENTS—2
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A Moment of Surrender

Life is not measured by time. Life is measured in moments.

Surrender is not a moment in time; it is moments all the time.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee ... Luke 1:26 NLT

“Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked.
John 1:46 NIV

... to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!” ²⁹Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

Luke 1:27-29 NLT

“As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.” Luke 2:35 NLT

“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!” Luke 1:30-33 NLT

The LORD said, “I have made a covenant with David, my chosen servant. I have sworn this oath to him: ⁴I will establish your descendants as kings forever; they will sit on your throne from now until eternity.”

Psalm 89:3-4 NLT

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.³⁶ What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.³⁷ For the word of God will never fail.”³⁸ Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.³⁹ A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town⁴⁰ where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth.⁴¹ At the sound of Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.⁴² Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, “God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed.⁴³ Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me?⁴⁴ When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy.⁴⁵ You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.” Luke 1:34-45 NLT

TALK IT OVER

Read Luke 1:35-38. What sticks out to you the most about Mary’s response to Gabriel’s news?

Talk about a time when you chose to surrender something difficult to God. How did it feel to give that situation over to Him? What was the result?

Is there a relationship or circumstance in your life right now that you need to surrender? How could you take a step toward surrender this week?