



# Part 1: FEAR OF WHAT GOD IS ASKING ME TO DO

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 NLT

#### WHY ARE WE AFRAID OF GOD'S PLANS?

#### 1. GOD'S INTERRUPTIONS ARE OFTEN INCONVENIENT.

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. - Luke 1:26-29 NLT

"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! - Luke 1:30 NLT

## 2. GOD'S PURPOSE IS OFTEN DIFFERENT THAN YOUR PLANS.

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!" - Luke 1:31-33 NLT

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

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

### WHAT IS GOD ASKING YOU TO DO OR BELIEVE? WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE?

- OUTCOME IS GOD'S RESPONSIBILITY.
- OBEDIENCE IS YOURS.

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

#### **TALK IT OVER**

- How have you experienced the truth that God's purpose is different than your plans?
- What is God asking you to do or believe?
- What first step of obedience will you take to accomplish what God is asking you to do?

# **Suggested Reading Plan:** An Unexpected Christmas

### **Announcements:**

- Sunday Service @ 10 AM. Nursery for children up to age 4 on weeks 2,3 & 4; KidZone for ages 5-11.
  - o Christmas in KidZone 12/10!
- Girl's Ministry for grades K-6 on Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM!
- Finish Line Youth for ages 12-12th grade Wednesdays @ 7 PM!
  - Wood'n Wheel outing 12/8!
- Women's Bible Study Abide: A Study of 1,2, & 3 John, Thursdays from 6:30-8 PM.
  - o Christmas "Pizza & Paint" 12/8!
- **Angel Tree** is a ministry to children of incarcerated parents. 11/26 Take an "angel;" 12/10 return wrapped gift; 12/17 Deliver gifts. See Shirley Lane if you are interested in participating.
- Christmas Play 12/17! Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

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