



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Mary: The Story Worth Your Surrender**
Series: **Storyteller**
Text: **Luke 1:26-38**
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*In the sixth month, **God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth**, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. (Lk 1:26–27).*

*“Nazareth! **Can anything good come from there?**” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip. (John 1:46)*

YOU SHOULD SURRENDER YOUR LIFE TO GOD’S STORY! WHY?

1. GOD CAN _____ YOUR STORY INTO HIS BIG STORY

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6 month’s earlier . . .

*Then an **angel of the Lord appeared to him**, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: “**Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.**” (Lk 1:11–13).*

- Both are _____
- Both are _____ (“Do not be afraid”)
- Both get pregnancy _____
- Both get a _____
- Both hear a prophetic promise about the _____
- Both ask a _____
- But the responses are different: Zechariah _____... Mary _____.

2. GOD'S _____ MEETS YOU IN YOUR FEAR.

The angel went to her and said, “**Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.**” (Lk 1:28).

Mary was **greatly troubled at his words and wondered** what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, “**Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.**” (Lk 1:29–30).

God’s favor doesn’t always feel like **comfort at first**. Sometimes it feels like **holy disruption**.

3. GOD’S WANT TO BE YOUR _____!

31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 **He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.** The Lord God will **give him the throne of his father David,** 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; **his kingdom will never end.**” (Lk 1:31–33).

- Jesus is not presented as a king among _____.
- Jesus is presented as _____ King.

“This is the declaration of a King whose authority does not originate in Rome, Jerusalem, or any human dynasty — it originates in heaven itself.” David Neale

4. GOD’S _____ REQUIRES YOUR SURRENDER

How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” (Lk 1:34).

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and **the power of the Most High will overshadow you.** So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. (Lk 1:35).

The word “overshadow” carries the sense of **God’s holy and powerful presence**, similar to the cloud that covered the tabernacle and appeared during the Transfiguration. Importantly, it is not a euphemism for conception and does not indicate any sexual intercourse between God and Mary. In Scripture, **the Holy Spirit coming “upon” a person always signifies a supernatural, divine work.**

Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 **For nothing is impossible with God.**” (Lk 1:36–37).

HOW DOES MARY RESPOND?

I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “**May it be to me as you have said.**” (Lk 1:38).