

How obedience shaped the Christmas Story as we know i

PART 1 - THE "LET IT BE" CLAUSE

LUKE 1:26-38

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MESSAGE NOTES

BIG IDEA FOR THE WEEK: BECAUSE MARY OBEYED, GOD DID THE _____

1. GOD'S	PLANS	ALWAY	'S INC	LUDE
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2. GOD'S	OPPORTUNITIES	ALWAYS	REQUIRE
OUR			

SMALL GROUP AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group

- 1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why? Which part of this passage is easiest for you? The hardest?
- 2. Think about Mary for just a moment. What fears or uncertainties do you think Mary may have felt in that moment? How does acknowledging these things help us understand biblical obedience?
- 3. What stands out to you about Mary's response, "May it be to me as you have said"? How does this reveal her trust in God?
- 4. Mary asked, "How will this be?" What's the difference between a fact-filled question and a faith-filled question?
- 5. Why is obedience often costly? Can you think of a time in your life where obedience required sacrifice? What was the cost? Did you see God do something impossible through your obedience?
- 6. What is the biggest barrier to full obedience in your life right now? Is it fear, doubt, comfort, reputation, or maybe uncertainty? Even though it may feel impossible, what act of obedience is God is asking you to walk in this Christmas season?

God, thank You for choosing to use Mary and including her life in the Christmas story. Help me to learn from her obedience so that I can obey You as well, because I believe that nothing is impossible for You. Please work in my life to accomplish Your will and help me to obey when You give me the opportunity. In Jesus' Name, amen.

1. OPPORTUNITY 2. OBEDIENCE

BIC IDEA: IMPOSSIBLE