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**DO I REALLY
TRUST GOD?**

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LUKE 1:26-38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ 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. 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."

LUKE 1:26-38

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”³⁵ 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. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail.”³⁸ “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

ISAIAH 11:1-2

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

JEREMIAH 23:5-6

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

MATTHEW 1:17

17 Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen from the exile to the Messiah.

QUESTION 1

How often do we have doubts, fears and even questions for God?

MATTHEW 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

MATTHEW 1:18-25

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



QUESTION 2

How often do we have a partial picture but don't fully understand what God is doing?

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;⁶ in all your ways
submit to him, and he will make
your paths straight.

QUESTION 3

Do we rely too much on our own understanding when it comes to spiritual matters?

QUOTE

The one who obeys God's instructions for today, will have his direction for tomorrow. -LTK

TRUTH

A firm belief in the reliability, ability or strength of someone or something.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

For we live by faith, not by sight.

HYMN

Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey

QUESTION 4

Can we trust God even if the outcome remains unsure in the present?

QUOTE

Faith is trusting God even when you don't understand His plan.

QUOTE

Pray, then let it go. Don't try and manipulate or force the outcome. Just trust God to open the right doors at the right time.