

# Anticipation

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*OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.*

*26In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 28And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. 30And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." 34And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" 35And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37For nothing will be impossible with God." 38And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

*—Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)*

## **1. God Was Up to SOMETHING Good**

*But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until*

*now, and I am working.”*

*—John 5:17 (ESV)*

## **2. Mary BELIEVED Without Understanding How**

*35And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be borne will be called holy—the Son of God.*

*—Luke 1:35 (ESV)*

*And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”*

*—Luke 1:45 (ESV)*

## **Mary Trusts God’s Power More Than Her Intellect.**

### **3. Mary EAGERLY Anticipated What God Would Do**

*38And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*

*—Luke 1:38 (ESV)*

*And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;*

*—Luke 1:46-48 (ESV)*

### **4. Mary Willing GAVE Herself to God’s Plan**

*38And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*

*—Luke 1:38 (ESV)*

**“Lord, what are YOU up to? How can I HELP?”**