



LIFEWork: Mary: A Call to Trust

Luke 1:26-38 - December 10, 2017 – Pastor D R Hilken

We heard this weekend how God was at work to supernaturally bless the world through a virgin who trusted a divine messenger. Review the Message Notes and share any insights that were special to you or questions that it raised. We heard that she was “favored” as Yahweh chose her for this role and yet we know that through her life as the earthly mother of the Son of God, especially the last three years, it was often very difficult. The same is true for us. God is at work in those puzzling times when we wonder if He’s even aware of what’s going on in our life. Below are some verses that speak to how God works beyond our immediate circumstances. Look up each one and write the main point in your own words.

Psalm 55:22

Romans 8:26-27

1 Corinthians 15:58

Philippians 1:6

Ephesians 3:19-20

Ephesians 6:7-8

Can you look back and identify a time in your life where God was at work even though at the time you didn't recognize Him? What did you learn about God through that time?

How has your faith and trust in Him been affected as a result?

If you had a friend come to you concerned and confused because they felt God had abandoned them in the midst of a trial, what advice or counsel would you give them?

The news that Mary was pregnant and unwed was a tough one to explain and it was met with negative responses from others. Yet, knowing this was a God-thing, Mary responded with a prayer of praise that has been recognized as a song that is called the Magnificat which our Mary (Paige Burzlaff) sang as intro to the message. Read through those words in Luke 1:46-55 and write down all the things for which Mary praises God.

In your LIFEGroup prayers, go around and express your own prayers of praise for all that God has done and provided for you.



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And the angel answered her ... “For nothing will be impossible with God.” ... And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” *Luke 1:37-38*

The angel Gabriel delivers --- vs 26

Contrasts, [NAZARETH](#) of Galilee, not Jerusalem of Judea

Here’s your sign --- vs 27 (Dr. Luke, historian)

betrothed – virgin – Joseph – David

“Mighty man” and “Favored one” --- vs 28 (Judges 6)

“the Lord is [WITH YOU](#)”

Joshua ~ Gideon ~ Immanuel ~ Jesus

Mary’s call was to [TRUST](#) and make [HERSELF](#) available

Compare and Contrast: Zechariah & Mary

The [HOW](#) explained --- vs 35 (the Holy Spirit 8X in 2 Chapters)

episkiazo

‘overshadow’ --- Genesis 1/Exodus 40/Mt. 17:5/Mark 9:7/Luke 9:34

‘overshadow’ & ‘alongside’ --- vss 36-37

Compare and Contrast: Zechariah & Mary (& Sarah)

1. Gabriel announces: birth / name / role
2. John the Messenger / Jesus the Messiah
3. Impossible conceptions (beyond years / virgin)
4. Unbelieving doubt / trusting curiosity

Perhaps the “Call of Christmas” for you this year is to embrace that [NOTHING](#) is [IMPOSSIBLE](#) when the Savior is on the scene.

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