

Friday, December 10

³⁸ *And 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.*

1. When Mary said "I am the servant of the Lord" do you think she was just then deciding for the first time to be the Lord's servant?
2. How does deciding early on to trust and follow God make it easier to accept difficult callings from him as they come? See John 6:66-69.
3. What kinds of situations seem to make it hard for you to say "Lord, I am your servant; let your will be done in my life"?
4. How can Mary's story help us with this?

KTFK: you expect. / you'll be / might direct, / not where / no matter / if it's / follow God / more ready / and then / where he / Commit to

Song: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Prayer: "Father, it is relatively easy for us to decide we will do certain specific things for you. What is hard is deciding that we will do whatever you call us to without knowing ahead of time what that will be. But that's what faith is. Increase our faith, and move us to commit ourselves to your leading, wherever that takes us. Amen."

Saturday, December 11

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

Family Worship 2021

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Advent Week 3 - Love

Luke 1:26-38

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily
KTFK - Key Thought for Kids (Answers on back page)

Monday, December 6

²⁶ *In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.*

1. Gabriel was sent to Mary "in the sixth month." In the sixth month of what? See Luke 1:5-25.
2. Joseph and Mary lived in a small village called Nazareth. What kind of reputation did Nazareth have? See John 1:43-46.
3. Why would God choose people from a place like that?
4. Did God just decide, moments before sending Gabriel, where to have him look for someone to be Jesus' parents? See Matthew 2:23.

KTFK: bless him; / will choose / call, not / their service / God knows / impress him. / we only / whom he / to have / struggle to / to use / need to / heed his

Song: "I'm Forever Grateful"

Prayer: "Father, thank you so much for choosing us even though there is nothing about us that could impress you. In fact, any goodness in us comes from you in the first place. May we always hear your call as a privilege and a gift of your grace. Amen."

Dec 6 - God knows / whom he / will choose / to use / to have / their service / bless him; / we only / need to / heed his / call, not / struggle to / impress him.
Dec 7 - People try / all sorts / of things / for comfort / and for / ease, but / finding favor / with our / God is / worth far / more than / these.
Dec 8 - Jesus is / the only / one to / save us / in God's / plan, for / he is / the Son / of God / and yet / the Son / of Man.
Dec 9 - God's power / is so / great that / with him / nothing is / impossible; no / mountain is / too tall / to climb, / no river / is uncrossable.
Dec 10 - Commit to / follow God / no matter / where he / might direct, / and then / you'll be / more ready / if it's / not where / you expect.

Tuesday, December 7

²⁸ *And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"* ²⁹ *But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.* ³⁰ *And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."*

1. Why do you think Mary was greatly troubled at Gabriel's greeting, which seems so positive?
2. How do you think Mary tried to discern "what sort of greeting this might be"?
3. Can you think of some other people in the Bible who found favor with God? See Genesis 6:8; Exodus 33:17; 1 Samuel 2:26.
4. Did finding favor with God mean they had easy lives?

KTFK: God is / more than / all sorts / and for / these. / People try / with our / for comfort / worth far / ease, but / of things / finding favor

Song: "Better Is One Day"

Prayer: "Father, you have not promised your children a life without pain or struggle. But you have promised your faithful presence and protection, and we know that your way is the way of abundant, meaningful, eternal life. Help us never to choose worldly comfort over that precious life. Amen."

Wednesday, December 8

³¹ *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.* ³² *He 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,* ³³ *and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

1. What emotions do you think ran through Mary as the angel gave her this news?
2. Why did the angel say that Mary's son will have David as a "father"? See Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-31.
3. Jesus would also be called "the Son of the Most High." Who is the "Most High"? See Psalm 57:2.
4. How could Jesus have both David and the "Most High" as fathers? What does this say about who he is? See Mark 1:1; Acts 7:55-56.

KTFK: the Son / the Son / the only / plan, for / Jesus is / of Man. / in God's / one to / and yet / save us / he is / of God

Song: "Beautiful Savior"

Prayer: "Father, we stand in amazement of your plan of salvation – something we could never have imagined. Your Son, Jesus, fully God yet fully man, is the only one who could be without sin, become a sacrifice for our sin, and conquer death for us. We praise you for your incredible love. Amen."

Thursday, December 9

³⁴ *And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"*

³⁵ *And 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."* ³⁶ *And 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.* ³⁷ *For nothing will be impossible with God."*

1. Why do you think Mary's question was her first response to the angel's news? What might this say about her?
2. How do you think the angel's explanation made her feel?
3. Who was the baby that Elizabeth was carrying? See Luke 1:13-17; 3:1-3.
4. When is it hardest for you to believe that nothing is impossible with God?

KTFK: mountain is / impossible; no / to climb, / is uncrossable. / God's power / nothing is / is so / no river / great that / too tall / with him

Song: "Almighty"

Prayer: "Father, there are situations in our lives that we find it hard to imagine could ever get better. But we know that nothing is impossible for you. Make us constant in prayer, trusting that you are working in your own way and in your own time. Amen."