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Luke 1:26-38

Title: Jesus' birth Announced and hope that comes with it

Introduction: God's announcements are always spectacular. And His announcement is found in Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV). This announcement is a Christmas story that teaches us that with God nothing is impossible.

In the story, God is showing us that as he initiates the impossible, he gives favor for the impossible, he understands our questions about the impossible and he does the impossible when we respond in faith.

What is Faith? "Being sure of what we hope for..." Hebrews 11:1

Faith and hope are not the same thing. Faith is an immediate, while hope is for the future. Although a Christian must have both, we cannot allow hope to hinder us from exercising our faith.

The angel Gabriel shows up and brings an amazing announcement to Mary. She responded in three ways:



1. Mary wondered at God's Wisdom. (v. 28-29).

The Bible says, "And Angel Gabriel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.." v.28-29 NRSV

(a) Favored One. (Ephesians 1:5-6 MB)

The Bible says of you and me, "Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. He wanted us to enter the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son. Ephesians 1:5-6 (Message Bible).

(B) The Lord is with you (Luke 1:28)

The Bible says: "lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20 (KJV)

2. Mary was perplexed by God's Plan. (Luke 1:34)

Mary asks the question: "Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" Luke 1:34 (NRSV)

Gabriel gave her an answer: " The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." Luke 1:35 NRSV

"For nothing will be impossible with God" Luke 1:37 (NRSV).

3. Mary SUBMITTED to God's Sovereignty (Luke 1:38)



"Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her." Luke 1:38

Conclusion: If you are going to respond to the call of God – you must decide to submit to him. Mary shows us by her example what it means to submit to the call and sovereignty of God.