

“A Willing Bondslave”

New Hope Community Church

December 2nd, 2018

Luke 1:26-38

Life Group Meeting

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QUESTIONS

A. Gabriel’s Astounding Message

1. A **virgin** would give birth to a baby (27,31)
 - A **700** year old prophecy was about to be fulfilled
‘When the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman’ (Ga 4:4) (See Is 7:14 / Mt 1:23)
 - The name Jesus is the Greek form for the Hebrew name Joshua which means, ‘the Lord is **salvation**’
 2. The child will follow in the line of King **David** (27,32)
‘Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever’ (2 S 7:16)
 3. His extraordinary title would be **Son** of the Most High (32,35)
 4. His reign over Israel would be **unending** (33)
- **CONSIDER:** These are unquestionable statements about just who Jesus Christ is -- God the eternal Son taking human flesh, coming exactly as prophesied as Savior and King.

B. Mary’s Humble Response

1. I don’t **understand** (34)
 - The **conception** will be a work of the Holy Spirit (35)
 - The **encouragement** to believe was found in Elizabeth (36)
 - The **reason** to believe rested in the character of God (37)
- **CONSIDER:** So now it’s up to Mary. God has made clear His plan, reminding her of His ability as the Sovereign God.
2. I willingly **submit** (38)
 - The question of who was **master** had long since been settled for Mary
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- The act of **surrender** invited the work of God in & thru Mary

Personal Reflection

- Do I know Him as Savior? YES NO
- Am I submitting to Him as Master? YES NO

- 1) Read Luke 1:26-38
- 2) Consider Gabriel’s announcement about who Jesus would be. Do you think there was enough information given to enable Mary to truly conclude that Jesus would be divine in nature? Why or why not?
- 3) If you had been in Mary’s position, what would have been your greatest struggle in fully accepting what was going to happen?
- 4) How did the angel respond to Mary when she asked “How can this be”? Is it okay to ask God questions when what He wants us to do seems difficult to understand?
- 5) What was God truly looking for in Mary’s response?
- 6) What did Gabriel say that ultimately was the foundation for Mary believing the message from God?
- 7) Gabriel encouraged Mary to look at God’s work in Elizabeth in order to help her believe. Can you think of a time when you drew great strength in your faith by looking at what God was doing in someone else?
- 8) What do you think is the most difficult part about submitting to God as Master of your life in the manner in which Mary did?
- 9) What specific ways are you being challenged in your faith right now, and for which you would appreciate prayer?