

Experience the Wonder

From Worry to Wonder: Part 1 – November 29, 2026 – Pastor Jason

The more something gets relegated to the familiar, the less wondrous it becomes.

WONDER usually gets replaced by WORRY.

Luke 1:26-33 (NLT) 26 God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" 29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" 34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." 35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God."

Psalms 127:1a (NLT) Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.

- 1. Be HONEST with God and yourself about what you can't do.**
- 2. TRUST God with what only He can do.**
- 3. FOCUS on what is yours to do.**

Luke 1:36 (NLT) Your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. 39 A few days...

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40 where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. 41 At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

42 Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. 43 Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? 44 When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. 45 You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (NLT): *Farmers who wait for perfect weather never plant. If they watch every cloud, they never harvest.*

4. Let your worry turn into **WONDER**.

Luke 1:46-49 (NLT) 46 Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. 47 How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! 48 For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. 49 For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.

Luke 1:37 (NLT) "For the word of God will never fail." Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Pastor's Blessing

- Be blessed as you allow the Holy Spirit to reveal those places in your heart where you've traded wonder for worry.
- Be blessed as you focus on what is yours to do, trusting God that He will finish what is His to do.
- Be blessed as you allow the Holy Spirit to turn your worry back into wonder.
- Be blessed today in Jesus' name.