

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

talk it
over

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 1.26-38

PURSUE GOD

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a Son, and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

In middle of the greatest announcement ever made, Mary had questions. Mary wasn't confused about what was going to happen. The angel was clear on the what. Her posture and the heart behind her question was born out of wonder and awe, not a sense of doubt or disbelief. There was no rebuke from the angel as he had Zechariah. The angel didn't silence Mary. Because even in her question Mary surrendered to what was about to take place. "I am the Lord's servant, may your word to me be fulfilled."

LOVE LIFE

What kind of questions do you ask God?

Do you simply make requests, asking for things?

Or when you bring something from the deep? Something that bothers you, or keeps you up at night?

What is the most absurd thing you've ever asked God, and what is the craziest thing He has ever asked you?

Life Group Discussion

Discuss a time God has asked you to do something and it made you question your ability, or if you heard Him.