

PREGNANT WITH PROMISE

The Promise #3

December 14, 2025

Isaiah 9:1,6-7; Luke 1:26-50

Big Idea: _____ the promise of Jesus will change your life.

- 1. Your plans become God _____ . (Luke 1:26-35; 9:23)**

“You cannot stay where you are and go with God.” Henry Blackaby

- 2. Your purpose becomes _____ centered. (Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:36-38)**

- 3. Your perspective changes through _____ for God’s _____. (Luke 1:39-48; Romans 8:31-32; Phil. 4:6-7)**

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON SAYING “YES” TO JESUS

Monday: Read Luke 2 and Matt. 2. Mary said “Yes” to carrying the promise of Jesus. She had some amazing experiences with the shepherds and the wise men, but she also had to run for her life to escape the murderous plot of Herod. Saying “Yes” to Jesus does not mean your life will be easy, but it will be blessed. *If God is for you, who can be against you?* (Romans 8:31)

Tuesday: Read John 19:16-30. Mary was blessed to give birth to Jesus and watch him grow up to become the Messiah. Then she watched at the foot of the cross as he died (v. 25-27). As painful as this was, it too was a blessing. She witnessed firsthand her own redemption and the redemption of everyone who would eventually say “Yes” to following her Son. She couldn’t see this as a blessing until the resurrection two days later. Sometimes we don’t recognize God’s blessings until later.

Wednesday: Read Acts 1. About 120 followers of Jesus were blessed to watch Jesus ascend into heaven. Mary was there too (v. 14). Forty days earlier she stood at the cross and watched Him die. Now she watched him ascend into heaven. Finally, she understood that when she had said “Yes” to God 33 years earlier (Luke 1:38), she said “Yes” to her own Savior. When you say “Yes” to trusting and following Jesus, nothing can take away His blessings for you (Romans 8:35-39).

Thursday: Read Luke 9:23-27. Jesus made it clear that saying “Yes” to following Him will redirect your plans. What changes does He list here? What blessing does He promise. How have you denied self and taken up your cross (voluntary obedience) to follow Jesus? Do you need to make more changes to go “all in” to following Him?

Friday: Saying “Yes” to Jesus is not a one-time experience. Salvation, being born again is a one-time event, but serving Jesus is a daily decision. How have you been blessed this year by serving Jesus? Carrying the gospel of Jesus transforms your perspective through gratitude for God’s grace. Thank God everyday for at least three things and watch how your perspective changes.