



Series: God's Story & Songs (02)

Title: PEACE: Silent Night

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-56, Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7

Theme Verse: "For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her." Luke 1:37-38 ESV

- 1. Peace comes from the presence of the Lord. (Luke 1:26-28)**
 - a. Mary had peace because the Lord was with her.
 - b. You have peace because God is with you.

- 2. The call to follow God's plans accompanies the peace that God gives. (Luke 1:29-33)**
 - a. God provides peace for a purpose.
 - We are called to make our lives available to God for His glory and for the good of others.
 - Humans cannot produce their own salvation, but God can and has chosen to accomplish it for all of humanity.
 - God's power from outside, and the indwelling Spirit within, together result in things being done which would have been unthinkable any other way.
 - b. GOD provides the peace and the plans, we provide the "yes" and the availability.

Question: How do we discern the plans that God provides?

It was God's WILL to send HIS SON to redeem us. It was God's plan to use Mary's womb. Mary was at PEACE with God's will and God's plans.

- 1) God reveals the plans of God through divine initiation and personal investigation. (Luke 1:26-33)

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- 2) To find peace in the plans of God, we must believe the Word of God.
(Luke 1:34–38)
 - a) God clearly gives his peace and confirms his plans through His Word, prayer, and providential circumstances.
 - b) THE PLANS of God are revealed to the man or the woman of God by the Spirit of God through the Word of God.
 - 3) When we receive God's peace and act on the plans of God, God confirms and encourages our faith. (Luke 1:39–45)
 - a) Mary's response of obedience and beginning to act was DANGEROUS.
 - 4) To find peace in the plans of God, we must have peace and joy in the person of God. (Luke 1:46–56)
- 3. We live in the peace of God by taking God at His Word and taking the next step by faith. (Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:14)**
- a. Our expectations and emotions do not hinder our execution of God's plans.
- 4. The peace of God does not come with peaceful circumstances but does come with the hope, joy, and love of Jesus Christ. (Luke 2:1-7)**
- a. Joseph did not lose his peace when his circumstances were hard.