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Luke 1:26-38 - In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."

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. What's more, 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. 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. (NLT)

2 Chronicles 16:9 - The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. (NLT)

Learning #1: You don't have to have it all together for God to use you.

Isaiah 6:8 - *Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?"*

I said, "Here I am. Send me." (NLT)

Learning #2: To be open to God, we can't let fear get in the way.

2 Timothy 1:7 - *For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. (NLT)*

Psalms 118:6 - *The Lord is for me, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me? (NLT)*

Learning #3: Being open to God will cost you something, but it will always be worth it.