

"Let it be." -Mary

Unexpected (Christmas Series)- Part 3 Luke 1:26-38
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Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² 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, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ **"How will this be,"** Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ 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. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; **let it be** with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Challenge of Obedience:

Considering the difficulty Mary is faced with, Christianity Today Advent series says, *"Obedience would be easy if it all made sense. And if we agreed. Or if we thought of the plan ourselves."* To obey means to trust that God knows what he is doing. Obedience doesn't mean you're ignoring the fears and unknown challenges, but it's a sure sign of genuine humility.

1. What is in a Name?

It's clear from Gabriel's announcement to Mary that this Baby will change everything.

1. He will be... called the Son of the Most High
2. Given the throne of his father David
3. he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever
- 4 his kingdom will never end

Luke 1:32-33

2. Mary's Response:

Obedience. In chapter 1, Luke contrasts two different reactions to a difficult-to-believe message from an angel: Zechariah the Priest and Mary, a teenage girl from a small town. The difference being, Mary moves quickly from questioning to unqualified obedience.

3. Your Response to the Christmas message:

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Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. It can be difficult to choose obedience. What has cost you the most to do so?
3. It seems clear that Luke is comparing and contrasting the story of Gabriel's visit to Zechariah and Mary. What's Luke want us to see and learn?

Notes:
