

HOPE FOR THE HURTING
THE NIGHT THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

Luke 1:26–38

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1. _____ POSITION DOES NOT EQUAL _____
PURPOSE

²⁶ In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰ Then the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Luke 1:26–30

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or his stature because I have rejected him. Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart."
1 Samuel 16:7

¹⁸ But look, the Lord keeps his eye on those who fear him— those who depend on his faithful love ¹⁹ to rescue them from death and to keep them alive in famine. Psalm 33:18–19

¹ LORD, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I stand up; you understand my thoughts from far away.

³ You observe my travels and my rest; you are aware of all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue, you know all about it, LORD.
Psalm 139:1–4

2. GOD SPEAKS _____ INTO WHAT FEELS _____

²⁹ But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. ³⁰ Then the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end." ³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?"

³⁵ The angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ And consider your relative Elizabeth—even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the

sixth month for her who was called childless. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." Luke 1:29–37

¹⁷ Oh, Lord GOD! You yourself made the heavens and earth by your great power and with your outstretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for you! Jeremiah 32:17

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20–21

Looking at them, Jesus said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God." Mark 10:27

3. GOD HONORS _____ EVEN WHEN

WE DON'T _____

³⁸ "See, I am the Lord's servant," said Mary. "May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. Luke 1:38

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5–6

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. Romans 8:28–29

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act, ⁶ making your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like the noonday. Psalm 37:5–6

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

⁹ If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10