



## FEAR NOT

“Fear of What God  
Is Asking Me to Do”

Luke 1:26-38

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

### WHY ARE WE AFRAID OF GOD’S PLANS?

#### 1) GOD’S INTERRUPTIONS ARE OFTEN

##### INCONVENIENT

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. <sup>28</sup> Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup> Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. Luke 1:26-29 NLT

“Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God!” Luke 1:30 NLT

#### 2) GOD’S PURPOSE IS OFTEN DIFFERENT THAN YOUR

##### PLANS

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!” Luke 1:31-33 NLT

Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.” Luke 1:34 NLT 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... <sup>37</sup> For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:35, 37 NLT

### WHAT IS GOD ASKING YOU TO DO OR BELIEVE?

### WHAT’S YOUR RESPONSE?

- OUTCOME IS GOD’S RESPONSIBILITY

- **OBEDIENCE IS YOURS**

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." Luke 1:38 NLT

**Response Questions:**

1. How have you experienced the truth that God's purpose is different from your plans? What is God asking you to do or believe?
2. What is your response to what God is asking you to do or believe?
3. Describe a time when you found one of God's interruptions to be inconvenient. How did you respond to God?
4. Are there any "what if's" that cause you to fear? If so, what are they and how do those fears affect you?
5. Have you experienced God's favor? If so, how did you experience it?
6. What might be holding you back from fully obeying God? How will you overcome this barrier?