

Meek and Lowly

Part 2-Finding Peace in the Chaos

Luke 1:26-38

Starting Point: In considering the birth of Christ, that which we find so COMFORTING is also CONFRONTING and that which is so DISARMING is also DISRUPTIVE.

Let's read from Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 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, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end."

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

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. 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."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

The Angel disrupts...

1. Mary's very sense of PRIVACY.

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2. Mary's PLANS for her life (and Joseph's life) entirely.

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3. Mary's ANONYMITY and SAFETY.

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, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end." Luke 1:32-33 NIV

Key Point: The Presence of God, by its very nature, is DISRUPTIVE.

What was Mary's response?

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1. Mary allowed God to DISRUPT her life.
2. Mary SURRENDERED her plans to His presence.
3. Mary places her LIFE in God and He places His LIFE in her.

Is your life in God and His life in you? Are you ready to surrender?