

# Fear Not, Just Trust

Luke 1:26-38



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# Mary and Gabriel

- Gabriel is mentioned six times in the Bible, four of those in the book of Daniel.
- Mary does not question that her Son will be great, that He will be called the Son of the Most High, or that He will be given the throne of David and will reign over Israel.
- Today we relegate Mary to some obscure corner and never talk about her.
- Jesus was the Son of God, Who came to take away our sin but before that, He was a teenager and before that, He was a child and before that, He was a baby.
- Mary was Jesus' mother, and she was the one who raised Christ to be the man that He became.
- God was willing to trust Mary because Mary was willing to trust God.

# Mary Needed to Trust God with the Details

- There was nothing “miraculous” about what happened with Elizabeth and Zechariah; they did their part, and as a result Elizabeth conceived.
- Mary was outside the natural as she had to believe that she would become pregnant, not because of anything she might do, but because of the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Mary not only believed that God could do anything, she basically said, *“Not only do I believe it in my heart, but I am allowing God to work it out in my life.”*
- Can you trust God with the details of your Christian life?

# Mary Needed to Trust God with the Immediate Results

- Mary lived in a small community, where everybody knew everybody and everybody's business.
- Mary willingly gave up her reputation and her plans for the future in order to be obedient to God.
- Mary had the added pressure and responsibility of her child being the child of God.
- How often would Mary think of the words of the angel and wonder when the rest of the prophecy would come true?
- People envisioned the Messiah arriving riding a white horse and conquering the conquerors with the might of the sword.

# Conclusion

- Mary needed to trust God with the ultimate results as she watched Jesus' life end on a cross, as His followers scattered, betrayed Him, and denied they ever knew Him.
- God calls us to trust him, even when we cannot see all of the picture, even when we might not agree with the direction the path is taking.
- If God has called you to follow Him, then God has called you to trust Him with the details, the immediate results, and the ultimate results.
- *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*