



## Christmas Through Mary's Eyes

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### How do I feel about God interfering with my life?

God sent an angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a city in Galilee. The angel went to a virgin promised in marriage to a descendant of David named Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary. Luke 1:26-27

When the angel entered her home, he greeted her and said, "You are favored by the Lord! The Lord is with you." She was startled by what the angel said and tried to figure out what this greeting meant. The angel told her, "Don't be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God. You will become pregnant, give birth to a son, and name him Jesus. He will be a great man and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. Your son will be king of Jacob's people forever, and his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:28-33

"The Holy Spirit will come to you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy child developing inside you will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35

*But Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and thought about them often. Luke 2:16-19*

**"Treasured" can mean: tried to grasp or tried to hold on.**

**"Thought about" can mean: tried to put it together or make sense.**

**Mary grasped at these things and tried to put it all together to make some sense of it.**

**God's will isn't always simple and easy.**

**Life is not simple and easy.**

**Jesus comes in the midst of life's jagged edges when things don't make sense.**

**No matter how bad I am or how bad I messed up this week (or this LIFE)—Jesus can come into it.**

*Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to accept whatever he wants." Luke 1:38*

**Get yourself in a place where God can interfere.**

**Do it what God is telling you.**

**For your LifeGroup and growth time.**

Read Luke 1.

Why do you think the angel came to Mary?

What details do you see in this story that show God is aware of us and our lives?

Put yourself in Mary's sandals. Do you think she was scared? Excited? Hesitant?

Would you have any hesitation?

What did she have to 'give up'? How hard was that? What did she gain from it?

Has God ever tugged on your heart to get involved in something? What was it?

Pray together and support each other!

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