



UNEXPECTED | UNEXPECTED FAVOR | LUKE 1:26-45

We hear the Christmas story so often that we can forget how shocking it really was. Yet it began with God inviting ordinary people to trust and obey Him, and through them to accomplish the impossible: God with us.

SERMON NOTES:

Main points, questions or things that stuck out to you.

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FURTHER STUDY:

Cross References, Resources, etc.

- Messiah Prophecies: Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Micah 5:2-5.
- Jesus' Davidic Lineage: Matthew 1:1–16 (through Joseph); Luke 3:23–38 (Possibly Mary's).

SMALL GROUP NOTES

GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29. Why do you think God chose a young, lowly and obscure Mary, and what does it reveal about His ways?

- How does Luke 1:37 emphasize the difference between human limitations and God's possibilities?

- What does Mary's response, "Let it be to me according to your word," reveal about the relationship between obedience and unlocking God's blessing?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- How does knowing that God uses ordinary people change the way you view yourself or your response when He speaks?

- When you face situations that feel impossible, how can Mary's story help you trust in God's power?

- What might saying 'yes' to God look like for your right now, and how might it impact others beyond yourself?

Read Ahead: Matthew 1:18-25