

LET IT BE

LUKE 1:26-38

- God will accomplish His **PURPOSES** through whomever He **CHOOSES** *(vv 26-30)*

- God will **FULFILL** His **PROMISES** *(vv 31-33)*

- God is **SOVERIGN** over His **CREATION** *(vv 34-37)*

- Our proper **RESPONSE** to God's **WILL** is **SUBMISSION** and **OBEDIENCE** *(v 38)*



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Imagine that you were Mary when Gabriel appeared to her. What do you think that your reaction would have been?
2. Read Ephesians 1:3-6. How does it make you feel that we have been blessed (graced/favored) just like Mary was? Does this challenge any preconceptions that you have had about Mary? Does this encourage/discourage you?
3. Throughout the passage, there is a concept of the Lord being with Mary, overshadowing her, and Mary being favored by God. How does God's presence and power with us bring us comfort? Matthew 28:20; Psalm 139:7; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Hebrews 13:5.
4. Consider Genesis 3:15 and 2 Samuel 7:12-13. Consider the length of time over which God fulfilled His promise to Eve, and to David. How does this cause you to think about God's promises to us today? 2 Peter 3:9; John 6:37; Philippians 1:6; 1 John 1:9.
5. When you think about the biology involved in the conception of a child, what natural laws does God subvert in the conception of Jesus? What thoughts come to mind as you consider God's sovereignty over His creation? Genesis 1:1-3; Hebrews 11:3; Isaiah 45:12; Job 12:7-10; Colossians 1:16.
6. What areas of your life do you hesitate to submit to God and say "Let it be to me according to your word?" When do you struggle to trust in God's will for you?
7. How does Mary's submission to God's Word (delivered through Gabriel) encourage you to live?

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