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PART 5: **JESUS' BIRTH FORETOLD** Luke 1:26-56

1. With God, nothing is **IMPOSSIBLE**. (v. 26-38)

2. Believing God yields **BLESSING**. (v. 39-45)

A Definition of Biblical Faith: Biblical faith is **BELIEVING** God's Word, and **ACTING** upon it—no matter how I **FEEL** because God promises a **<u>GOOD RESULT</u>**!

- Pastor James MacDonald

3. Doubt God and you'll <u>WORRY</u>; Believe God and you'll <u>WORSHIP</u>. (v. 39-45)

1:10 COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open Your Group in Prayer.

1. **Read Luke 11:26-39.** What was unique about Mary? What did she do to get God to bless her in this way?

2. How does she respond to God's word to her through the angel Gabriel?

3. Which comes first... God's grace (favor) toward Mary, or her obedience?

4. Put yourself in Mary's shoes... a young teenage girl; promised in marriage to another teenager named Joseph; living in a small town; an angel appears to you and says you're going to have a baby... How would you respond? What types of things would go through your head? What type of reaction do you think Mary faced from others after this?

5. Read Genesis 6:5-7. What was God planning to do? Why?

6. Read Genesis 6:8. What was unique about Noah?

7. According to **Genesis 6:5-8**, what did Noah do to get God to bless him in this way?

8. **Read Genesis 6:9.** Which comes first... God's grace (favor) toward him, or his obedience (walking with God)?

9. Read Genesis 6:9-22. Put yourself in Noah's shoes... an old man; God tells you he's going to destroy the world with a flood, yet it's likely never rained before at this point in history; you live inland and God tells you to build a giant boat (which would take decades to complete); had anyone here even seen a boat before? ...How would you respond? What types of things would go through your head? What type of reaction would Noah face from his family and friends for obeying God?

10. On the definition of biblical faith, which part do you struggle with the most?

11. Where do you see both Mary and Noah exercising biblical faith?

12. **Read Philippians 4:4-7.** Are you a worrier or a worshiper? What does that say about how you're trusting God? If you're a worrier, what should you do?



Last week we read about the promise to Zechariah and Elizabeth that they would have a baby. Now we see the promise of another baby. This time to a young girl named Mary.

Read Luke 1:26-38 together

• How do you think Mary felt when she heard the angel's message? (if ageappropriate, discuss Mary's current circumstances and the potential difficulties she would face having a baby at this time)

Read Luke 1:46-55 together

Did you know Mary was a songwriter? This song (traditionally called *The Magnificat*) is about how thankful Mary was that Jesus was coming and for all the "great things" God had done for her.

- List all the "great things" from this song that God had done.
- What are some of the things God has done for you that you're thankful for?

Pray together as a family, and thank God for the things he's done for you.

These simple questions are designed to help you live out the command in Deuteronomy 6:7 to teach our kids and make God's Word a natural topic of conversation in our homes. Use them at the dinner table, in the car, or whoever you find your family together with a few moments to spare.

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2014

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your 1:10 Group.

NOTE: Due to the sensative nature of some items on the Prayer Guide, we do not publish it online. Email the church office to sign up for the email prayer list: office@wawaseebible.com