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Confused And Disturbed

Psalm 27:14 - *Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.*

Luke 1:5-12 - *In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah, and whose wife Elizabeth was a daughter of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and decrees of the Lord. ⁷ But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well along in years. ⁸ One day while Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And at the hour of the incense offering, the whole congregation was praying outside. ¹¹ Just then an angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and gripped with fear.*

v.18 - *"How can I be sure of this?" Zechariah asked the angel. "I am an old man, and my wife is well along in years."*

Luke 1:26-38 - *In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" ²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" ³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For the word of God will never fail." ³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.*

Any Hardship Is Worth Enduring If God On Your Side

She Embraces God's Plan, And The Role Of A Servant

Israel Is Separated From God, Under Foreign Rule, And Oppressed

Don't Put A Limit On God. He Can Use You, But You Have to Trust Him

Luke 1:28 - *Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"*

Ordinary People Will Receive Heavenly Favor

God's Favor Doesn't Necessarily Bring Success Or Popularity

In Jesus' Name People Would Be Healed, Demons Would Be Cast Out, And Sins Would Be Forgiven

Mary's Submission Was Part Of God's Plan For Salvation

Isaiah 7:14 - *All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').*

We Need Mary's Kind Of Trust And Sensitivity