



## The Christmas Crush

### Luke 1:26-38

*In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."*

*Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."*

*"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*

*The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God."*

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.*

### Becoming a person who says "yes" to God

1. Develop your \_\_\_\_\_

The message of Christmas is:

- God is with you
- You are \_\_\_\_\_

*What are you doing to take full advantage*

*of this incredible gift?*

2. Put \_\_\_\_\_ with God first.

*At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.*

Luke 1:39-40

- Be intentional about simplifying
- Use a daily devotional
- Listen to Christmas Carols

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_

*"I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said."*

The message of Christmas is:

- God brought His \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

*The word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.*

John 1:14 (Message)

- We can bring His presence \_\_\_\_\_

**This Christmas season, how will you say "yes" to God?**

**Daily Growth**

*Use these 4-C questions below to help you study each day's scripture.*

CELEBRATE: What can you praise God for from this passage?

CONFESS: Are you convicted of something you need to confess to God?

COMMIT: What commitment does this passage challenge you to make?

COMMUNICATE: What did you learn that you can share with someone?

Day 1: Read Luke 1:5-25. Zechariah had been praying for a child possibly for years yet when an angel told him his prayer had been heard and would be answered he doubted. When you pray, do you expect answers? Why or why not? What can you learn from this event? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 2: Read Luke 1:26-38. With the coming of Jesus, the greeting given to Mary is now true for all who believe in Him. We are highly favored because God is with us! What reason did the angel give Mary for not being afraid? How can you apply that to your own life and fears? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 3: Read Luke 1:38, 57-66. In what ways might you be resistant to saying "I am the Lord's servant"? What are the reasons for the resistance? Can God be trusted even if following him might be a hardship? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 4: Read Isaiah 55:8-11. In Sunday's message, 3 reasons were given for trusting God. This passage was one of those reasons. What reason is given for why we can and should trust God? Have you ever questioned, disobeyed, or ignored the instructions God gives in the Bible, what is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 5: Read Psalm 34:1-10. The phrase "Taste and see" has the meaning of "give God a try." What reasons are given for trusting God and giving Him a try? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?

Day 6: Read Deuteronomy 31:6-8. Jesus is Immanuel which means "God with us." What reason do these verses give for trusting God? When you're feeling discouraged or challenged, what can you do to remind yourself that God is with you? What is God saying to you (use the "4 C" questions)?