

Series: A Thrill of Hope Sermon: Part 2: A Surrendered Yes Date: Sunday, December 8th, 2024

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Luke 1:26-35,37-38

How can we have hope and even joy in the midst of the unknowns and uncertainties that we are facing in our lives?

1. Mary came from _____

2. Mary was a _____ teenager

3. Mary was extremely _____

"The Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and will call Him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14)

_____: where the eternal Son of God took on human form and came to Earth to live among us

<u>First Century Jewish Wedding:</u> 1. The engagement 2. The betrothal 3. The marriage

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. (Matthew 1:19)

In one moment, everything Mary had ______ out for her life had changed with this unexpected news.

Mary put her trust in God over the circumstance and uncertainty that was ahead.

Having A Surrendered Yes Even In Uncertainty:

1. What are we putting our hope and joy in?



Whenever we put our hope and joy in anything other than in God, we will have a hard time feeling any hope or joy in the midst of our uncertainties.

Even when things are , because her eyes are fixed on God, Mary can still rejoice.

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant." (Luke 1:46-48)

2. Are we available for God to use us?

Mary was just an human who was asked by God to be used in an extraordinary way.

God's favor does not automatically mean instant success or the absence of suffering.

What is God inviting you to do when it comes to His greater purposes?

Let's choose like Mary did, to know God so that we can trust Him.

In trusting Him, let's rejoice and put our hope in God even in the midst of our uncertainty.

Bottom Line: God is with us and He is for us.

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. What uncertainties are you facing that are causing you to be restless, joyless, and even hopeless?
- 2. What are you putting your hope and joy in, meaning what circumstance are you waiting for to happen so that you can then experience hope and joy?
- 3. When it comes to God and His invitation for you to play a role in His greater purpose, do you respond with no, a partial yes, or do you give Him a surrendered yes?

Songs used in service: You've Already Won (Shane & Shane), Jesus (Mike Marshall), Send Me (Jenn Johnson & Chris Quilala), We Have A Savior (Hillsong Worship)

Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?