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“Yield”

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon Series: “Signs of the Season”

*I am the Lord’s servant, Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.”
Then the angel left her. Luke 1:38*

We continue our Advent/Christmas message series this year with the witness of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Our monologue from Mary this morning expresses a time of quiet reflection after the birth of Jesus. Such a time of reflection also allows us to pause in this busy season to reflect upon her experiences as well. How did you feel as she shared with us her encounters with the angel, Gabriel, and the words of God’s message with her?

What especially stood out to you? Why?

The monologue in part reflects the author’s research, thoughts, and imagination of Mary’s journey and experiences. Have you taken some time to consider these things as well?

How about your own life? How does this sign of the season relate to us?

† **Spend some time alone this season listening for God’s voice.**

In our busy and demanding lives, we may not always hear the voice of God or take time to listen.

† **Like Mary, we may be frightened if God is revealed in some special way. We, too, may have doubts or mixed feelings about God’s plan and will for us.**

Remember that God, or God’s messengers, bring a word and spirit of peace.

† **Yield to the Way God will use you to fulfill His purpose and plan for you to be a channel of God’s blessings and love to others.**

Remember that if Mary hadn’t done so, Jesus, our Savior, would not have been born to her. Our purpose may not be quite as significant or earth changing, but each of us has a purpose and a part in God’s plan. Each is significant and important to God.

I invite and encourage you to reflect and share with me, others in your family or in a small group on the following . . . **Questions for reflection:**

1. How do you spend time alone with God?
2. How has God been revealed to you in the past and at present? How have you felt about it? What is it about Mary's story that you can relate to most?
3. Do you know God's plan and purpose for you in this life? In this season? In what ways are you fulfilling it?

And may you always find and feel the favor of God's love and blessing upon you!