



Peace in the Chaos [Luke 1:26-38]

Big Idea: Peace comes not from control but from surrender—trusting God’s way even when it’s risky and confusing.

“Peace is not the absence of conflict [or disruption in our life], but the presence of Christ.”

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I. The Shock of God’s Call [1:26-29]

Peace begins when we acknowledge the presence of fear without letting fear have the final word.

II. The Response of Trust [1:30-38]

Peace grows when we stop trying to control the outcome and start trusting the character of God. [Surrender doesn’t remove uncertainty—it replaces fear with trust.]

III. Peace That Acts [1:39-45]

When we surrender to God’s word, His peace shapes our lives—and His joy spills over into the lives around us.

Study Questions and Prayer

[1] Read Luke 1:26–29. Where do you see Mary experiencing fear or uncertainty in these verses — and what does that tell us about faithful responses to God’s call?

[2] Read Luke 1:30-38. Mary asks, “How will this be?” rather than “Why me?”— what does that difference reveal about trust and surrender?

[3] What would it look like for you to pray Mary’s words, “Let it be to me according to your word,” in a current area of chaos or uncertainty?

[4] Identify one fear-driving decision in your life and take a small step of surrender (e.g., forgive, make a call, serve someone). Pray asking God to remove the fear and replace it with trust in Him.

[Luke 1:26-29] In the sixth month the angel Gabriel [1:19] was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [Matthew 2:23]²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, [Matthew 1:16-18] of the house of David. [2:4, Matthew 1:20] And the virgin's name was Mary.²⁸ And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, [Psalm 45:2, Daniel 9:23] the Lord is with you!” [Judges 6:12]²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [1:12]

[Luke 1:30-33] And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, [Isaiah 7:14] and you shall call His name Jesus. [2:21, Matthew 1:21, 25]³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. [Luke 1:76, 6:35, Acts 7:48, Mark 5:7] And the Lord God will give to Him the throne [Luke 1:69, 2 Samuel 7:11-13, 16, Psalm 89:4, 132:11, Isaiah 9:6-7, 16:5, Acts 2:30, Revelation 3:7] of His father David, [Matthew 1:1]³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” [Daniel 2:44, 7:14, 18, 27, Hebrews 1:8, Revelation 11:15, John 12:34]

[Luke 1:34] And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

[Luke 1:35-38] And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, [Matthew 1:18, 20] and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; [Luke 1:32, 76, 6:35] therefore the child to be born will be called holy [John 6:69]—the Son of God. [Matthew 14:33]³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [1:7]³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.” [Genesis 18:14, Matthew 19:26]³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. [Judges 6:21, Acts 12:10] [Faith Assimilated the Message]

[Luke 1:39-45] In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, [Luke 1:65, Joshua 20:7, 21:11]⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, [Luke 1:15, 67]⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, [Judges 5:24] and blessed is the fruit of your womb! [Deuteronomy 28:4, Psalm 27:3]⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? [2:11, John 20:28]⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” [1:20, John 20:29]