

Read: Luke 1:26-38

Day 5

“Chosen to Serve God”

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.”

-Luke 1:29-30

Insight Into The Word: Mary’s Anxiety

The call of God is a frightening thing. It completely catches you off guard, and it always alarms you. Mary was disturbed because the messenger Gabriel appeared to her, and Mary was alarmed because he had given her the word of The LORD.

Mary never thought of herself as having favor from The LORD. She never thought of herself as being blessed and favored among all women. In fact, Mary was poor, young, and had little to no education like we do today. She was a teenager who was struggling like everyone else, and now she finds out that The LORD is on her side. But, like any other teenager, she does not have a clue what this means!

However, the angel Gabriel comforts her with the charge that she is not to be afraid because God has decided to bless her. Mary did not have to be anxious or afraid because God had a plan for her life. She did not have to be worried about what all this meant because God was in full control, and He had all the details worked out.

Like Mary, we may find ourselves in situations where we may be terribly uncomfortable with a call of God upon our lives to serve Him in the earth. But even though we may feel terribly uncomfortable, there is always a call of comfort to accompany the call to serve.

God always comforts you to trust in Him and not be afraid of what it is that He has called you to do. Where and when God calls, He also provides for the one he has called. He equips us to fulfill His purposes.

Thoughts to Ponder:

When have you felt terribly uncomfortable with a call of God in your life?

How did God comfort you and equip you to fulfill this call?