

When God Speaks to Us

Luke 1:26-38

1. God does speak to us
 - To all believers, not just to “special” people
 - Not always in words we hear as a voice from Him
 - Not always in ways we understand completely
 - He spoke that way to Mary
2. Mary was not a “special” person
 - She was a normal, very young woman
 - She was poor
 - She was not a daughter of parents who were famous or powerful
 - Yet God chose to use her because she was faithful
3. She was confused why God chose her to do a very great thing
 - She didn’t know how she could do it
 - God calls us to great things, things that are great because they are God’s will, not because the world will take note
 - We may not know how we can do them
 - But we can, because God never calls us unless He first equips us, prepares us, provides for us
4. God called Mary to give birth to God’s Son
 - The angel Gabriel gave her a few details
 - He told her how wonderful her son would be
 - He didn’t tell her how hard this would be on her
 - She might have been afraid to do it if he had
 - But God knew the ending, that when she saw Him face-to-face in heaven, she would be overjoyed
5. So it is with us
 - God speaks to us, calls us to serve Him
 - We may not be listening and miss the call
 - We may not like what God asks of us, and refuse to serve Him the way He asks
 - We may feel inadequate, or afraid, and not risk it
 - But if we are willing, and listening, and trusting to do what God calls us to do, like Mary, we will be overjoyed in how we have served God when we see Him face-to-face in heaven.



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