



The Notes

THE THRILL OF HOPE... Part 2: *"The Bigger Picture"*

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SOMETIMES I LET MY SITUATION...

... _____ ON MY LIFE,
AND I FORGET TO _____.

Which situations have recently cast shadows on your life? (Think about it)

Family

Work

Friends

Schedule/ Stress

How you view yourself

Loneliness

Sickness

Things that are out of your control

WE HAVE HOPE BECAUSE...

... _____ IS GREATER
THAN OUR _____.

Zechariah

While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he

saw him. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John.

Luke 1:11-13 (NLT)

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years."

Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time."

Luke 1: 18-20 (NLT)

Mary

When the angel came to her, he said, "Rejoice, favored one! The Lord is with you!" She was confused by these words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. The angel said, "Don't be afraid, Mary. God is honoring you. Look! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

Luke 1:28-31 (CEB)

Then Mary said to the angel, "How will this happen since I haven't had sexual relations with a man?"

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come over you and the power of the Most High will

overshadow you. Therefore, the one who is to be born will be holy. He will be called God's Son. Look, even in her old age, your relative Elizabeth has conceived a son. This woman who was labeled 'unable to conceive' is now six months pregnant. Nothing is impossible for God."

Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:34-38 (CEB)

**WE NEED TO RESPOND TO THE
_____ WITH _____
LIKE MARY, TRUSTING IN GOD'S
ULTIMATE PLAN.**

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel." His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

Luke 2:29-35 (CEB)