



The Notes

What's Bothering You?

Part 1: "Anxiety Grows as 'Good News' is Announced"

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GOD'S DEFINITION OF GOOD NEWS ISN'T ALWAYS THE SAME AS MINE, BECAUSE...

1. ...GOD'S _____ IS USUALLY _____ THAN MINE.

"When Elizabeth's baby had grown inside her for nearly six months, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth. Nazareth is a town in Galilee. Gabriel went there to visit a young woman. Her name was Mary. She had never had sex with anyone. She had promised to marry a man called Joseph. He belonged to the family of King David. Gabriel went to Mary and said, 'Hello, Mary. The Lord God loves you very much. He is very near to you.' Mary had a lot of problems in her mind about Gabriel's message. She did not understand what he meant. Then Gabriel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary. God has been kind to you. Listen! A baby boy will grow inside you. When he is born, you will call him Jesus. He will be great. People will call him the Son of the powerful God who is over all. The Lord God will make him king. He will rule as his ancestor King David ruled. He will rule over the family of

Jacob for all time. He will be king for all time, without end. Mary asked, 'How can this happen? I have never had sex with anyone.' Gabriel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of God who is over all will cover you like a shadow. So your child will be special to God. He will be completely good. He will be called God's Son. Another thing! Your cousin, Elizabeth, is very old. People said that she could not have a baby. Listen! She also will have a son. The baby has grown inside her now for nearly six months. There is nothing that God cannot do.' Mary answered, 'I am the servant of the Lord. I have heard what you have said. I want it to happen to me just like that.' Then the angel left her."

Luke 1:26-38 (EASY)

**2. ...GOD _____ IN
WAYS I NEVER WOULD.**

"This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding. While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The angel said, 'Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, 'A virgin will have a baby

boy, and he will be called Immanuel,' which means 'God is with us.' After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord's angel had told him to do."

Matthew 1:18-24 (CEV)

**3. ...GOD _____ IN
WAYS THAT I DON'T ALWAYS**

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"There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep. Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified. The angel said, 'Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger.'"

Luke 2:8-12 (MSG)