

Being Available and Prepared to Wait

Read Luke 1: 26-38

Look at what God promised in Luke 1 v 32+33...

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

What was being promised to Mary about the son she would have?

How hard would it have been to take God at his word in this moment?

Have you ever sensed that God has promised something to you?

What was it? Did you have to wait to see the promise fulfilled?

V 28-30 When the angel appears to Mary, Mary is clearly 'confused and disturbed' (v 29 NLT).

Can you think of any other occasions when God speaks to someone in the Bible (through an angel or more directly)?

Are they ever comfortable when they realise God is speaking to them?

Do we want God to speak to us but also assume or hope that Him speaking to us will allow us to remain comfortably unchanged?

What has your experience of God speaking to you been like? Has it made you uncomfortable? Has anything changed as a result?

How do you test a word from God, to understand if God was really speaking to you?

Throughout the experience of parenting Jesus, Mary had to wait and remain available to meet the needs of her child (Jesus).

How was Mary blessed by God, while being available to Jesus (and waiting to see God's promises fulfilled)?

Have you any testimony (or do you know of testimony of others) of God blessing you or others while you made yourself available to God and waited to see His promises fulfilled?