

## CONNECT

Life has unknowns, and surprises. What is something that came at you “out of the blue” that resulted in a big change?

## LEARN & APPLY

**Read Luke 1:26-38.**

An angel is a “messenger from God.” Why was Mary troubled by the angel? When God intervenes into our lives, is it troubling, or thrilling, or both?

We are not told why Mary was chosen, but from her response to the angel, why was she a good choice? **Luke 1:38.**

Mary had a serious question about her assignment, but it held great promise. Do you consider the risk/reward ratio when making faith decisions?

**Read Luke 1:39-56.**

Why is Mary one of the Bible’s greatest faith heroes? Notice that her “Magnificat” song is focused on God’s long-term love and His purpose for humanity.

## PRAY

Wondrous God, we too ponder your movements and callings. Grant us the courage and the faith to say like Mary: “I rejoice in You, and I am here to do Your will.” May it happen in new ways in these powerful days of Advent. In Jesus’ name, Amen.