



Journey to Acceptance

Luke 1:28-41

Awareness

28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Fear

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

Comfort

30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 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."

Questions

34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"



Peace

35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail."

Acceptance

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Community

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.