



The Most Personal Experience in History

Matthew 1:18, Luke 1:35

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1. What stood out to you from the sermon on Mary and that she became pregnant through the Holy Spirit? Explain why?
2. Read Matthew 1:18. Why do you think this has been a core part of Christian beliefs and deemed an essential belief by many since the earliest Centuries? How hard is it for you to believe that Mary was impregnated by the Holy Spirit? What would you say to someone who wanted to believe this teaching but struggled?
3. Luke 1:34- *"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*

Was Mary challenging or asking for an explanation? What is the hardest promise to believe -for yourself- that God makes in scripture? Explain why and how you resolve the challenge.

4. Read Luke 1:35. On a personal and practical level, what do you find encouraging about the fact that Jesus was both fully human (born of Mary) and fully God (conceived by the Holy Spirit and called, The Son of God)? Explain? Which part of Jesus' nature – human or God – do you most naturally emphasize when you teach other people about him? Explain?
5. Luke 1:38- *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

What is your reaction to Mary's response to the Angel and why? In what specific ways can you be more like Mary when it comes to God's teachings for you? Explain?

Reminders:

- **Check Us Out!** Join us in this two-part class where you will hear more about what we believe and care about here at Harpeth, as well as a pathway to membership. Classes take place during the 9:00am service, so feel free to check your kids into DiscipleSHIP Kids and head on over. Coffee and bagels provided! Please register below if you plan to attend.
<https://harpethcc.elvanto.net/form/657922eb-cc22-48e2-a4a0-6e8451fc5f3f>
Part 1 - Sunday, December 7th at 9:00am
Part 2 - Sunday, December 14th at 9:00am
- **Angel Tree:** Thank you for participating in Angel Tree this year! Just a reminder that all unwrapped gifts must be returned on **Sunday, December 14th** to the Angel Tree in the lobby.
- **The Best Christmas Potluck Ever, Ever!** is Sunday, December 14th. There will be holiday games, singing, a Christmas hat contest, and more! Bring a family sized dish to share- HCC will provide chicken and HCC Staff will provide desserts. We can't wait to celebrate the Christmas season with you!
- Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** at Harpeth Christian Church will be at **4pm on Dec. 24!** Join us as we celebrate the hope of Jesus this Christmas season. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to this special service!