



- Competing voices keep us from **hearing** God.
- We need silence to experience the **sacred**.

In special moments come special **messages**.

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin. She was engaged to marry a man named Joseph from the family of David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Greetings! The Lord has blessed you and is with you."... The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has shown you his grace. Luke 1:26-30

- Mary needed God's **strength** for what was going to happen.

Because Mary's husband, Joseph, was a good man, he did not want to disgrace her in public, so he planned to divorce her secretly. While Joseph thought about these things, an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, descendant of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:19-23

- Joseph needed **courage** for what had already happened.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:8-11

- The shepherds needed **faith** for what God was doing.
- The love of God addresses and diffuses our **fears**.

God wants to say to you:

- Don't let fear **rob** you of what I **have** for you.

**Don't forget:**

We will be having service on  
**Sunday, January 1st at 10 AM**

**Also:**



**And:**

