

Faith and Mary
Luke 1:26-38

Review:

1. Mary knew she was a virgin, but it was hard for her to trust God, knowing that giving birth to Jesus might cost her everyone and everything she had
2. We are called to trust God, no matter what frightening, confusing or painful situations may come our way
3. We can trust God to keep His promises, to save us from our sins, and to rule and reign over us forever because nothing is impossible for Him.

Reflect:

1. In what situations do you have a hard time trusting God today? What part of this passage gives the most encouragement to your faith and why?

Go further: Read II Samuel 7:1-17

1. Describe the circumstances of David's life according to verse 1.
2. What contrast does David mention to Nathan in verse 2?
3. What do you think Nathan is telling David he should do in verse 3?
4. According to verse 5, what question does God ask David?
5. According to verse 6, in what way has God lived among His people up to this point in history?
6. According to verse 7, what has God never asked His people to do?
7. What has God done for David according to verse 8?
8. What three things has God done for David according to verse 9?
9. What does God promise to give His people in verse 10? What does God promise will no longer happen to His people?
10. What does God promise to make for David in verse 11?
11. In verse 12, what does God promise to do for David's "seed?"
12. In verse 13, what does God say David's "seed," or descendant, will do for Him? What promise does God make to David's seed?
13. How does God describe His relationship with David's seed in verse 14? What warning does God give to David's seed?
14. In verse 15, how does God describe the permanence of His relationship with David's seed?
15. In verse 16, what promise does God make about David's dynasty, his kingdom and his throne?

Summary and Application:

1. In what different ways does Jesus fulfill the promises God made to David concerning his "seed?"
2. In Jesus Christ, God has kept His promise to give David a descendant whose kingdom and throne would last forever. How does this promise build your faith in Christ?