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Luke 1:26-38

Like her cousin Elizabeth, Mary has had news of God's work in her life. Like her cousin, Mary had no reason to expect God to work in the way he announced. Elizabeth was older and barren: a child was the last thing she expected. Mary was young and engaged to be married: she was not expecting to be a mother. Nevertheless, the angel made his announcement to Mary: "You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus" (v. 31).

Unlike Zechariah, Mary seems to be more open to God's plan in her life. While she may have been unsure of what will happen exactly, Mary listens to God's messenger. She doesn't react with an attitude of uncertainty like her cousin Zechariah. The impossibility of the situation isn't bigger than God. She's open to the possibility that God is beyond impossible situations.

Gabriel assures Mary that God is at work (even telling her the news about Elizabeth): no word of God ever fails.

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