

ONE ACT OF SURRENDER

LUKE 1:26-38 | ERIC SIMPSON | DECEMBER 20, 2020

Luke 1:30-33

³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name 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 the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

- **Mary responds THOUGHTFULLY.**

Luke 1:29

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

- **Mary responds GRADUALLY.**

Generally, getting to the point of being "all in" with Jesus, happens at a different pace for different people.

"This can be a very important space to occupy, at least for a time. Some people will make no move toward Jesus at all unless it all comes together for them—rationally, emotionally, and personally. For them it is either rapturous joy in God or nothing at all. But sometimes you can only do what Mary does—just submit and trust despite the fears and reservations. That gives you a foothold for moving forward." – Timothy Keller

- **Mary responds in WILLING SURRENDER.**

Luke 1:38

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."

Luke 9:24

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

We never know the ripple effect of one act of surrender.