

# “An Unexpected Fulfillment”

~ Luke 1:26–38;  
2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

Sermon Series:  
An Unexpected Advent



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## 1) The Unexpected Favor (Grace) of God

And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”  
But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.  
*(Luke 1:28–29)*

## 2) The Unbelievable Nature of Grace

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born] will be called holy—the Son of God . . . For nothing will be impossible with God.”  
*(Luke 1:34–35, 37)*

## 3) Resting in God’s Grace

And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”  
*(Luke 1:38)*

### **Text for Personal Reflection:**

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### **Prayer & Reflection Questions:**

How does the response of Mary to the angel’s announcement provide an example of trusting faith to all people?

When unexpected announcements come into our lives and plans, how do we normally respond? How do we view these interruptions?

Where this week is God inviting us to answer his call to be a faith-filled disciple?