



SERMON GUIDE

# FAITH WHEN I'M TROUBLED

Luke 1:26-38 | Pastor Tim Porter

December 12, 2021

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

### Notes

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**OUR MISSION** is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

**OUR VISION** is to see CHRIST...  
TRANSFORMING individuals and families  
RENEWING neighborhoods and the valley  
EMPOWERING local and global missional leaders.

### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

2 Cor. 12:9 (Strength)  
But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your Bible studies!

**\*QUESTIONS FOR KIDS!** Questions most suitable for children are marked with an asterisk.

### Conversation Questions

1. Of all the different stories or teaching in the Bible that you've heard or read about, which have been the hardest for you to accept and believe? Why? Would you mind sharing with your group?
2. Read Luke 1:26-38. What do you love most in this story? What stands out to you? Why?
3. The promises that the angel makes to Mary are incredible – almost unbelievable. Describe the range of emotions and thoughts that Mary must have experienced in verses 29-38.
  - a. There were a lot of things that could have kept Mary from believing God's word (her age, public humiliation, her gender, her social status, etc.) Do you think you would have responded the way that she did in verse 38? Why or why not?
4. God doesn't simply leave Mary with the message that she is going to have a baby. He gives her a sign so that she might reassure her heart (v. 36-37).
  - a. What do you think this teaches us about God? How is this good news when you are struggling to believe God?
5. Read verses 39-45. In verse 45 Elizabeth says, "Blessed is she who believed..."
  - a. At some point, faith is simply a decision we make to believe God when he speaks. When we encounter really hard things, God is always going to be at work to create beauty and redemption for those who will trust him.
    - a. Have you made that decision to take God at his word? Is there any place in your life where you are struggling to believe God right now? Is there any place where you are waiting for God to redeem something that's hard?

Ask God to help you believe what he has said.