



FOREFRONT SMALL GROUP STUDY

That thing holding you back might look like a need for control—but underneath it, it's fear.

Fear of being caught off guard. Fear of not having a plan. Fear that surrender might cost you something too big.

Mary had a plan for her life—she was engaged, honorable, and ready for a quiet, predictable future. Then an angel showed up with a request that shattered every expectation: “Will you say yes to something you didn’t choose?”

Mary could have clung to control, but instead, she released her grip. She stepped into her calling, not because she had all the answers, but because she trusted the One who did.

Surrender isn't giving up—it's trading your limited vision for God's eternal plan.

So here's the question: Where are you trying to hold it all together instead of handing it over? And if you stopped gripping so tightly... what unexpected miracle might God grow in your life?

DAILY WALK / NEXT STEP:

This week, slow down. Light a candle, say a prayer, or sit quietly with no agenda but to be with God. Create space—literal and spiritual—for Jesus to dwell with you. Because the King has come near, and He's still asking the same question: “Is there room?”

GROUP STUDY:

1. Read Luke 1:26–38 together.
2. What details stand out to you about Mary's response to the angel's message? What emotions do you think she may have experienced in that moment?
3. The Illusion of Control: Where in your life do you feel the strongest need to stay in control? How does that desire show up in your thoughts, habits, or relationships?
4. Fear and Surrender: What fears often sit beneath our need for control? How does surrendering those fears change the way we experience God?
5. Mary's Example: Mary said “yes” before she saw how things would work out. How does her example challenge your definition of faith?
6. Trusting God's Plan: Think of a time when you let go of control and trusted God's direction. What did you learn about His faithfulness through that experience?
7. From Control to Calling: Sometimes God calls us to step into something unfamiliar or uncomfortable. What might God be inviting you to surrender so He can grow something new in your life?
8. Surrender as Strength: How might your relationships, schedule, or faith look different if you lived from a posture of trust rather than control?

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