

EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

HOPE



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Introduction:

- **HOPE** \hōp\ *noun*: a desire accompanied by expectation or of belief in fulfillment; *verb*: a) to cherish a desire with anticipation, b) to desire with expectation of obtainment, c) to expect with confidence.
- In a world that has by and large lost its hope, the birth of Jesus reminds us of this one game-changing truth:

_____!

- This morning, as we look at the angel Gabriel's announcement to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to a son, we will encounter the powerful truth that no matter how bleak our situation may be, we can have hope...because God can _____!

Gabriel's Greeting (Luke 1:26-29)

- Gabriel
- Favored One
- Troubled

Gabriel's Message (v. 30-33)

...To Mary

...About Jesus

Mary's Question – Answered! (v. 34-37)

"How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

God almost always works in conjunction with His "favored ones" to accomplish His will!

What About My _____?

- _____ the difference between my pleasure and God's promise!

My want versus God's Word.

My will versus God's way.

My desire versus God's delight.

- _____ yourself to the authority of Jesus Christ.

"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord..." (v. 38)

- _____ the promises of God.

*"...let it be to me **according to your word.**" (v. 38, emphasis added)*