

## Holy Moments

### A Moment of Surrender

# TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

*In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"*

*Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"*

*Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."*

*The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail."*

*Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.*  
Luke 1:26-38 NLT

#### Other Key Scriptures

Luke 1:39-45, 2:35 NLT;  
John 1:46 NIV; Psalm 89:3-4 NLT

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Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- On a scale of 1-10, how easy or difficult is it for you to let go and surrender?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- What does "surrender" mean to you?
- Read **Luke 1:35-38**. What sticks out to you the most about Mary's response to Gabriel's news?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about a time when you chose to surrender something difficult to God. How did it feel to give that situation over to Him? What was the result?
- Is there a relationship or circumstance in your life right now that you need to surrender? How could you take a step toward surrender this week?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Heavenly Father, thank You for carrying the moments, relationships, and circumstances in our lives that feel heavy. Help us to fully surrender everything to You, in every moment of each day. We trust that You're working in all things. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Ask God to reveal one thing that you can surrender this week. Then, share how that experience goes with your LifeGroup.
- Start *The Christmas Story* Bible Plan using Plans With Friends: [www.go2.lc/holymoments](http://www.go2.lc/holymoments)
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.