



Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 12/17/2023

Luke 1:26-29

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. 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 1:30

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary,"...

Shift your focus from a WHAT to a WHO.

Luke 1:30

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Luke 1:31-33

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 2:10-11

...but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!"

Fear loses its power when your FAITH in the Savior is Greater than your Fear of Something.

FEAR is a reminder to FEED your faith.

Luke 1:34

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:35

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.”

Luke 1:37-38

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Proverbs 1:7

Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge,...

Matthew 10:29-31

What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.