

WEEK 4

WONDER!

Trusting God's Global Mission

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Luke
1:26-45

“Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished.”

—Luke 1:45 NIV 1984

“For nothing is impossible with God.”

—Luke 1:37 NIV 1984

Introduction: Wonder and the Global Work of God

The story of Mary is a story of **wonder**— not just awe, but deep internal dialogue. She is troubled, uncertain, and overwhelmed. Yet in the midst of her confusion, she chooses trust. And through her trust, God's global plan of redemption begins to unfold.

This is not just a personal story. It's a global turning point. The birth of Jesus is the beginning of a mission that will reach every nation, every people, every language. And it begins with one young woman saying, “I am the Lord's servant.”

God's Global Mission Begins in the Unexpected

Mary was from Nazareth, a town not known for greatness. She was young, poor, and engaged to a carpenter. Yet God chose her to carry the Savior of the world.

This reminds us:

- God's global mission often begins in unexpected places.
- He uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things.
- The global cause of Christ is not about status — it's about surrender.

From Wondering to Witnessing

Mary's journey begins with wondering — a troubled, internal dialogue. But it ends with witnessing—a song of praise that echoes through generations.

Her transformation shows us the path of global discipleship:

1. Wonder – Asking, “What is God doing?”

2. Trust – Saying, “May it be to me as you have said.”

3. Witness – Proclaiming, “The Mighty One has done great things for me.”

This is the journey every believer must take — especially those called to carry the gospel across cultures and borders.

The Global Implications of Mary's Trust

Mary's “yes” to God didn't just change her life; it changed the world. Her obedience led to the birth of Jesus, whose kingdom will never end.

Today, the global Church continues that mission:

- Missionaries say “yes” to God's call and go to the nations.
- Local believers say “yes” and share Christ in their communities.
- Advocates and leaders say “yes” and work for justice and mercy.

Every act of trust contributes to the global cause of Christ.

Nothing Is Impossible with God

This phrase isn't just a comfort; it's a commission. It reminds us that:

- No culture is too closed.
- No heart is too hard.
- No situation is too broken.

God is at work in every corner of the world. And He invites us to join Him — not with full understanding, but with full trust.

Application: Saying Yes to God's Global Design

Mary didn't understand everything. But she said, “I am the Lord's servant.” That's the posture we need — whether we're called to go, send, support, or pray.

Ask yourself:

- Where is God inviting me to trust Him?
- How can I participate in His global mission?
- What does it look like to say, “May it be to me as you have said”?

Conclusion: From Wonder to Global Witness

Mary's story is our story. We may begin in wonder, confusion, or fear. But if we trust, we will become part of something far greater than ourselves — the global cause of Christ.

Let us say with Mary:

- “I am the Lord's servant.”
- “May it be to me as you have said.”
- “For nothing is impossible with God.”