

SERMON NOTES

December 8, 2013

FAITH UNWRAPPED

FAITH FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW

WHEN FAITH IS UNWRAPPED...

Luke 1:26-38 *In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

❶ it begins with _____ vs26-27

❷ it is entrusted to the _____ vs28-33

For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37 (KJV)

❸ there's a _____ of God vs34-38

Luke 2:4-7 *So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.*

FAITH UNWRAPPED ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT WE THINK IT WILL BE

* Faith unwrapped can be a _____ gift
bittersweet. *pleasant but including or marked by elements of suffering*

Luke 2:25-35 *30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."*

33 The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

CAN GOD UNWRAP FAITH IN YOU?

Three Guiding Principles For Our Church

HI 5

It is our goal to greet everyone who visits us at least 5 times as they enter and 5 times as they leave.

50/50

In all our ministries we endeavor to think about the people who have not yet become followers of Jesus Christ. 50/50 is meant to communicate that we will always strive to connect to Pre-Christians as well as Christians.

Belong. Believe. Behave.

We always want to keep in mind that people need to feel a sense that they belong no matter what their background or past experience. To us, Belonging comes before Believing and Behaving.