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<p><b>Luke 1:26-38</b></p> <p><b>The Birth of Jesus Foretold</b></p> <p><sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."</p> <p><sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."</p> <p><sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"</p> <p><sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called<sup>a</sup> the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."</p> <p><sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.</p> <p>a. <i>Or So the child to be born will be called holy,</i></p>	

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<p><b>Luke 1:39-45</b></p> <p><b>Mary Visits Elizabeth</b></p> <p><sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"</p> <p><b>Matthew 1:18-21</b></p> <p><b>Joseph Accepts Jesus as His Son</b></p> <p><sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about<sup>[b]</sup>: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet<sup>[c]</sup> did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.</p> <p><sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>[d]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins."</p> <p>b. Or <i>The origin of Jesus the Messiah was like this</i>  c. Or <i>was a righteous man and</i>  d. <i>Jesus</i> is the Greek form of <i>Joshua</i>, which means <i>the Lord saves</i>.</p>	

**Reflections**

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Trusting that *“nothing is impossible for God”* (Luke 1:37), what specific difficulty in your life can you hand over to the Holy Spirit and *“the Power of the Most High?”*

What does the Holy Spirit want to conceive in you, and how can you cooperate?



