

## Making Room in Advent | Week 2 - Embrace Your Limitations

### Message Big Idea

We make room for God's power by embracing our limitations.

### Scripture

Luke 1:26-38

### Points to Keep In Mind

1. Mary was a young virgin who was pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. She was ordinary, in fact - most would call her lowly. She was from the underbelly of society at the time and had no rights as an unmarried woman. She didn't have any noteworthy social status or family line and came from a backroads town with a bad reputation - Nazareth. Yet, the angel Gabriel appears to her and says, "Greetings, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you!" Mary was caught off guard by this, but the angel promised that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus. He makes this incredible proclamation that he will be the Son of the Most High and reign on the throne of David. She would give birth to the Messiah whose rule would never end.
2. In Mary's shock, she asks, "How can this be?" Here we find Mary in a paradox: it is the most natural thing for her to conceive a child, yet this is the most supernatural thing she could imagine. She was built for this, and yet she is unprepared. Her response is practical: "How will this be since I am a virgin?" Mary looks at her limitations and asks God, "How? How could you do the impossible?" Mary feels her limits.
3. When we know our limits, we can be realistic with ourselves, others, and God about who we are and what we can accomplish. This can bring incredible freedom when we find ourselves pulled in various directions and facing challenging circumstances. When we're honest about our limits, we can also have good boundaries with others because we know where we and others begin and end.

### Next Steps

1. Where do you see God at work in your life right now?
2. What next steps do you feel called to take in your faith journey?
3. Have you considered getting baptized? [communitychristian.org/baptism](http://communitychristian.org/baptism)
4. What are you learning from the Community Daily? [communitychristian.org/daily](http://communitychristian.org/daily)
5. If anyone in your small group is seeking professional counseling, you can always refer them to our resource page: [communitychristian.org/mentalhealth](http://communitychristian.org/mentalhealth)